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## I. Introduction

Despite substantial advances in early detection and treatment, prostate cancer remains the most commonly diagnosed non-cutaneous cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among U.S. men. The enormous scope of this public health problem calls for the development of innovative approaches to prostate cancer prevention, control, and treatment.

One potential novel approach is dietary modification. Epidemiological and pre-clinical studies suggest that alterations in nutritional intake may protect against prostate cancer initiation and progression. However, despite widespread public interest in this topic, there are very few clinical studies investigating the potential benefits of diet-based interventions for prostate cancer.

We have successfully developed and pilot tested a telephone-based dietary intervention for prostate cancer patients based on well-established principles of social cognitive theory.<sup>1,2</sup> This relatively straightforward, low-cost intervention—which increases vegetable intake and decreases fat intake—is the first to utilize diet as a form of primary clinical therapy for prostate cancer. Due to its practicality, simplicity, and proven benefits to cardiovascular and overall health, this intervention would be widely applicable. Use in an active surveillance (“watchful waiting”) population may potentially spare thousands of patients each year from the considerable side effects of surgery and radiation.

*We hypothesize that a vegetable-intense diet will decrease disease progression and improve quality of life in men with prostate cancer.* Our goal is to develop a practical, diet-based intervention for prostate cancer. We plan to implement a randomized clinical trial of a novel dietary intervention that utilizes a central, telephone-based counseling program to promote vegetable intake among prostate cancer patients who are being treated with active surveillance. As part of this trial, we will test whether a gene fusion biomarker will predict disease progression in a sub-group of patients.

## II. Body

### Progress to Date

During the second year of the funding period, I have made substantial progress in 3 specific areas.

#### *1. Organizational components for initiating the randomized trial*

I completed four key organizational components of study, all of which are necessary for implementing the trial:

a) I completed the final version of the study protocol (**Appendix**). In order to complete the protocol, I participated in regular teleconference meetings with the CALGB statistical center in North Carolina and CALGB study center in Chicago. I have personally edited the complete protocol five times now, incorporating and balancing all of the changes suggested by numerous study personnel. ***We submitted the final revised study protocol to the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention on September 17, 2010. This step is the final one prior to opening the protocol nationally; once the NCI approves the protocol, the study will be officially activated at hundreds of sites.***

b) I oversaw development of the infrastructure for executing the telephone-based dietary intervention at UCSD, including personnel and printed materials.

The protocol for the dietary intervention is as follows:

### **Telephone Counseling Intervention**

The counseling intervention will be divided into four phases, with the first three phases completed in 7 months. The fourth phase will continue for 17 months.

**Phase 1:** The first phase, composed of six counseling calls, will focus on education and the rapid development of self-efficacy skills. During this phase, frequent counseling sessions (every 3-4 days) will focus on short-term goals, emphasizing to participants and partners that the study dietary pattern can be compatible with their lifestyle. The counselor will monitor self-reported dietary intake interactively using dietary analysis software (The Food Processor for Windows, Version 7.8, ESHA Research, Salem, OR) to help the participant evaluate his performance and encourage him to concentrate on the positive aspects of his achievements before setting new sub-goals. Throughout this phase (and all other phases), counselors will encourage participants to report any difficulties in adopting the dietary pattern, and dietary targets will be adjusted accordingly to maximize chances of success.

**Phase 2:** The second phase, composed of four calls over a 2-month period, will focus on practical and consistent implementation of the dietary pattern. Counselors will help participants make structural changes to their food environments, such as altering the type of food available in the house, modifying recipes and patterns of food preparation, and focusing on portion sizes. Participants will learn to monitor their performance regularly, as counselors encourage goal setting and review.

**Phase 3:** The third phase, composed of four calls over a 4-month period, will help participants habituate to the dietary pattern by providing regular performance reviews. Studies of behavior change demonstrate that a declining sense of self-efficacy is associated with vulnerability to relapse. During this phase, social guidance and assistance in evaluating performance will be used to maintain interest in behavior maintenance, even as the level of necessary social guidance declines.

**Phase 4:** The counselors will regularly check on progress (8 calls over a 17-month period), providing positive feedback on achievements in maintaining the study targets while monitoring for warning signs of declining interest or self-efficacy. Ensuring participants that they can maintain the change they have implemented will still be critical. Intervention contacts will take place once every other month by those in Arm A only.

## Quality control

Quality control will be enhanced by providing the telephone counseling from a centralized location at the Moores UCSD Cancer Center, thus enabling weekly case management meetings and flexibility in scheduling. Dietary counselors will be hired based on their demonstrated communication skills, telephone manner, knowledge of food and nutrition, and their enthusiasm for achieving the study dietary targets. Counselors will complete an intensive 80-hour training program addressing the rationale for the study, protocols for conducting 24-hour dietary recalls, the principles and practice of motivational interviewing and review of a random selection of recorded calls.

All counselors will practice extensive role-playing before conducting their first coaching session. This training will be overseen by the UCSD behavior change study team; the team has been involved in a multitude of behavior change studies.

We have developed a detailed, relational database that provides counselors with a computer-assisted coaching protocol for their participant contacts. All contacts will be recorded in the database, and the database will generate the call schedule for each counselor each day. Calls will then follow a script that includes suggested question phrasing and responses to key questions inserted into the database in real time; these standardize intervention delivery. Automatic range checks will ensure quality in the dataset. At the completion of each call, the counselor will be prompted for detailed comments that can be used in the next contact. These comments will be reviewed by the supervisor as a component of performance review. Each counselor's performance will be compared to that of his or her peers, in terms of achieving dietary change toward study goals and in keeping the database complete.

The database will provide weekly management reports to focus on key aspects of study progress, including delinquent data collection. The database will help us monitor regularly scheduled study operations, to comply with aspects of the protocol. For example, study reports will be generated, as needed, to identify intervention participants who have not been contacted as

scheduled in the protocol. The reports will be provided to the counselors to help keep them on schedule, and to ensure that participants with lagging performance or possibly lagging interest do not drop out of the study.

To maximize effectiveness of the intervention, we will seek participant permission, in advance, to monitor calls. We will then monitor 10% of calls. The calls will be audio-taped and reviewed by peers and by supervisors to ensure that the intervention is standardized across participants. Throughout the study period, weekly case-management sessions will be conducted; supervisors, study investigators and counselors will use these to resolve challenging issues that have emerged.

A registered dietitian will supervise the telephone counseling intervention team. Counselors will also attend monthly 2-hour meetings which will include updates on study progress and in-service training on nutrition and behavior change counseling. On a quarterly basis, counselors will be provided with an assessment of their caseload's adherence to the dietary targets as a means of maintaining or improving performance. Together, these procedures, have contributed to the success of the pilot study interventions.<sup>1,2</sup>

c) I oversaw development of the infrastructure for performing dietary assays at UCSD.

The infrastructure is as follows:

Plasma carotenoids will be separated and quantified using HPLC methodology, with modifications to reduce oxidative loss and improve recovery of compounds during analysis. Standard reference materials from the manufacturer will be used to validate analytical precision of these procedures.

Analyses will be performed in the nutrition laboratory in the 270,000 sq ft Moores UCSD Cancer Center, which is equipped with a PC-integrated HP 8452A Diode Array Spectrophotometer, a core PC-integrated Varian Star 9010 HPLC system with variable UV-VIS (9050), a fluorometric detector (9070), and a large-capacity metal-free Varian refrigerated autosampler. The HPLC system is also linked to an additional Prostar 230 pump and Varian Dynamax refrigerated autosampler unit to allow a much higher laboratory run capacity.

d) I established the protocols for obtaining and processing patient specimens at UCSD, including those to be submitted for TMRSS2:ERG gene fusion analysis.

The protocols are as follows:

#### SPECIMEN HANDLING

##### Urine

At the participant's baseline visit, prostate massage will be performed by the Dr. Parsons and fellow urologists at the Moores UCSD Cancer Center. The participant will be given a sterile urine collection cup containing DNA/RNA preservative prior to the examination. Following the examination, the participant will then be asked to void and provide the first 100 cc of the void (enriched in prostatic secretions and shed prostate cells) in the collection cup. The collection cups will be placed temporarily in a refrigerator by clinic nursing staff. That same day, urine samples will be centrifuged by technicians at UCSD at 4000 rpm for 15 minutes at 4°C, then stored at -70°C in two separate fractions: a urinary pellet and a urinary supernatant.

### Blood

Blood will be drawn by trained staff who have completed specific training protocols such as exist within clinical research centers or within other related studies. The study will adopt Universal Precautions for blood collection, processing and shipping. Universal Precautions, outlined in the national OSHA guidelines for handling blood specimens, refers to an approach to infectious disease control, which assumes that every direct contact with body fluids is infectious. The study will adhere to all local requirements for handling and disposing of blood and materials exposed to blood. At baseline and each subsequent blood draw, each study participant will have two 10-mL samples of blood collected in vacutainer tube (green topped, containing sodium heparin). Throughout all stages of blood processing, shipping, and handling, it will be very important to prevent prolonged exposure of blood samples and separated blood components to light.

### Storage and Transport

Blood and urine samples are to be stored in the -70° C freezer as soon as possible after aliquotting. Samples must be frozen at least 2 hours before packing for shipment. If a -70° C freezer is unavailable, the cryovials will be placed in a -20° C freezer immediately after aliquotting, and then transferred to a -70° C freezer as soon as possible, but no longer than 2 days (over the weekend). Placing the samples on wet ice or dry ice does not sufficiently preserve the sample; at least a -20° C freezer is required. Samples may NOT be thawed after freezing.

The blood and urine study center will be located at UCSD. All plasma, cells, and urine samples will be stored at all times at -70° C or lower temperatures in a freezer equipped with temperature alarms in the Moores UCSD Cancer Center that is under the direct supervision of Dr. Parsons. Corning polypropylene screw-top cryogenic vials will be indelibly labeled.

Periodic laboratory analysis of blood and urine specimens will be conducted. Each time a blood specimen is sent for laboratory analysis, the Sample Coordinator will record which sample was sent, where, and when.



## *2. Expanded participation in Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB)*

I continued to substantially expand my participation in the CALGB organizational structure. In response to an invitation by CALGB leadership, I gave a state of the art lecture to a general session of the November 2009 National Group Meeting entitled, "Dietary Interventions for Genitourinary Cancers: Strategies for a Post-SELECT Era." I continue as a member of the CALGB Prevention Sub-committee, the Genitourinary Surgery Sub-committee, and the Genitourinary Committee. I attended two CALGB group meetings (in November 2009 and March 2010), at which I made presentations to the GU Surgery and GU Committees regarding the status of the trial. I also supplied regular updates to members of the CALGB leadership through e-mail correspondence, participated in conference calls, and broadened my contacts with other clinician scientists in the CALGB network.

## *3. Funding*

I applied to and received from the Prostate Cancer Foundation a grant to fund the trial.

## *4. Abstract*

I submitted an abstract to the 2011 Innovative Minds in Prostate Cancer Today (IMPACT) Conference (**Reportable Outcomes**).

## **Problem areas**

*There are no current problems impeding performance of the trial.* As stipulated in the approved Statement of Work, the original grant timeline—which included a 6-month period to account for potential funding and regulatory issues—estimated that the trial would open to accrual in March 2009. With the additional time required to secure more funding and receive protocol approval from the NCI, we now anticipate a start date of October 15, 2010. The revised timeline will depend upon the exact start date and will be submitted at the end of the next annual reporting period; the revised timeline will account for the 20-month delay.

## **Work to be performed during next reporting period**

Following activation of the protocol, we will update the previously filed IRB paperwork, accrue patients to study, and implement testing of the intervention.

### **III. Key Research Accomplishments**

- Completion of 4 key organizational components for the trial:
  - Writing of the final study protocol (submitted to NCI).
  - Development of the telephone-based dietary intervention infrastructure.
  - Development of the dietary assay infrastructure.
  - Establishment of the protocol for obtaining and processing patient specimens at UCSD.
- Expanded participation in Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB)
  - CALGB Prevention and GU Sub-Committees and GU Committee.
  - Presentations at two CALGB group meetings, including a state of the art lecture to a general session.
  - Regular conference calls and email correspondence.
- Submission of an abstract to the 2011 Innovative Minds in Prostate Cancer Today (IMPACT) Conference.

## IV. Reportable Outcomes

### Abstracts

**Parsons JK, Pierce JP, and Marshall J.** The Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study: a randomized trial of diet to alter disease progression in prostate cancer patients on active surveillance. Submitted to Innovative Minds in Prostate Cancer Today Conference, Washington D.C., March 2011.

#### **Background and objectives**

There is widespread interest among physicians and patients in utilizing diet for the prevention and treatment of prostate cancer. Despite robust epidemiological and pre-clinical data suggesting that dietary modifications may alter prostate cancer initiation and progression, however, there remains a dearth of clinical trials. We will study the effect of a vegetable-intense diet on disease progression in prostate cancer patients on active surveillance.

#### **Brief description of methodologies**

The Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) study is a randomized, Phase III clinical trial designed to test the effect of diet intervention on disease progression in prostate cancer patients on active surveillance. This multicenter national trial is being run through Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The primary outcome is disease progression defined by total PSA, PSA doubling time, and pathology (Gleason sum and tumor volume) on repeat prostate biopsy. Participants are considered to have reached study endpoint if they progress by any one of these criteria. Secondary outcomes include treatment seeking, anxiety, and quality of life.

The diet intervention is a unique, validated, telephone-based communication and counseling system designed to promote vegetable intake in prostate cancer patients. We previously demonstrated the efficacy of this intervention for effecting diet change in a randomized clinical trial of 74 patients. An important nuance of diet intervention trials is that participants may be inclined to exaggerate their compliance with diet goals on questionnaires. Thus, we will measure serum carotenoid concentrations—an objective biomarker of vegetable intake—to independently verify diet composition.

In prior cohort studies of active surveillance patients, 2-year progression varied from 20% to 35%. Using the log-rank test with a two-sided  $\alpha = 5\%$ , a sample size of 418 will provide 80% power to detect a difference in progression rate (PGR) of 20% in the control and 10% in the experimental arm during 24 months of follow-up. Under the exponential distributions for the time to progression, the 2-year PGR of 20% vs. 10% corresponds to a hazard ratio (HR) of 0.472. Assuming a 10% dropout rate (including patients who are treated before progression), a total of 464 patients will be enrolled to this trial.

#### **Results to date**

We hypothesize that our intervention will decrease disease progression, decrease the incidence of active treatment, diminish anxiety, and improve quality of life for prostate cancer patients on active surveillance.

#### **Conclusions**

The MEAL study is the first large, multi-center, randomized clinical trial of diet for the treatment of prostate cancer and the first major, federally funded study of an intervention targeted for active surveillance patients.

#### **Impact statement describing the potential impact on research, patient care, or quality of life**

The MEAL study uniquely and simultaneously addresses two understudied yet highly topical themes in the treatment of prostate cancer: active surveillance and dietary intervention. The synthesis of these two aims—optimizing management of active surveillance patients through diet—represents a novel approach with a high potential for providing near-term patient benefits that would serve not only the prostate cancer population, but also the broader public health.

## **V. Conclusion**

In summary, I have achieved substantial progress during the second year of the funding period. I have completed several key organizational tasks for implementing the randomized clinical trial, continued to extend my participation in the CALGB cooperative group, secured additional funding for performing the trial, and submitted an abstract to a national meeting.

I anticipate that, during the third year of the funding period, the trial will open for accrual and formal testing of the dietary intervention will begin.

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## **V. Appendix**

### **Study Protocol**

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**The Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study: A Randomized Trial of Diet to Alter Disease Progression in Prostate Cancer Patients on Active Surveillance**

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## The Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study: A Randomized Trial of Diet to Alter Disease Progression in Prostate Cancer Patients on Active Surveillance

### Eligibility Criteria

#### Preregistration:

Biopsy-proven adenocarcinoma of the prostate, clinical stage  $\leq$ T2a diagnosed within 24 months.  
 $\leq$  2 biopsy tissue cores positive for cancer.

$\leq$  50% of any one biopsy tissue core positive for cancer.

Patients who have prostate cancer with distant metastases are not eligible.

Patients who have had prior treatment for prostate cancer by surgery, irradiation, local ablative or androgen deprivation therapy are not eligible.

Patients with a history of non-cutaneous malignancy in the previous 5 years are not eligible.

Patients must be able to read and comprehend English language text and be able to understand spoken English over the phone.

Life expectancy of at least 3 years.

Patients who are currently taking vitamin supplements including lycopene and beta-carotene are eligible.

Patients who are currently taking coumadin are not eligible.

Participants will be men aged 50 to 80 years.

For men  $\leq$  70 years, biopsy Gleason score must be  $\leq$  6; for men  $>$  70 years, biopsy Gleason score must be  $\leq$  (3 + 4) = 7.

#### Registration/Randomization:

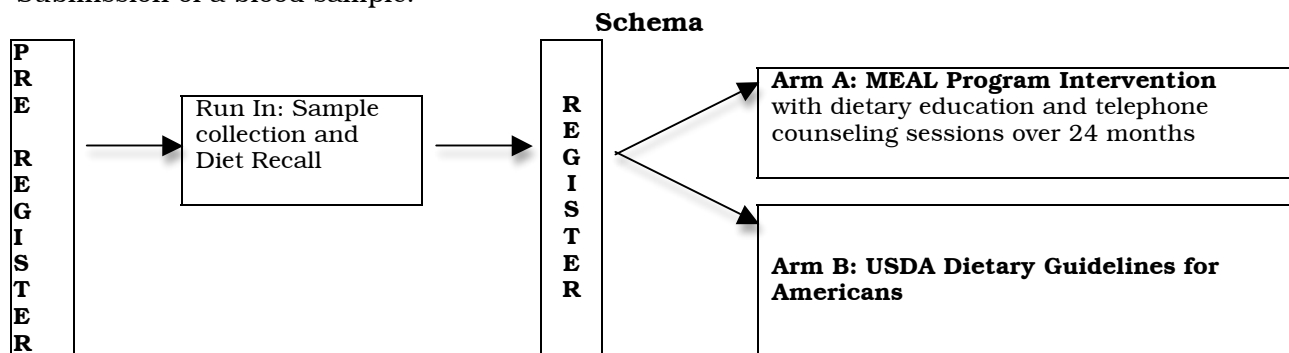
Successful completion of three 24-hour dietary recalls during the run in period

Patients consuming  $\geq$  6 servings per day of fruits and vegetables (not including juices) are not eligible.

Submission of a blood sample.

### Required Initial Laboratory Values

Serum PSA  $<$  10 ng/ml



#### **Stratification:**

- Age: Men  $\leq$  70 years; Men  $>$  70 years
- Race: African American vs. Other
- Baseline Prostate Biopsy: 0-12 months prior to registration vs.  $>$ 12-24 months prior to registration

**MEAL Program Intervention:** The counseling protocol will be divided into four phases, with the first three phases completed in 7 months. The fourth phase will continue for 17 months.

The **first phase**, comprised of six counseling calls, will focus on education and the rapid development of self-efficacy.

The **second phase**, comprised of four calls over a 2-month period, will focus on practical and consistent implementation of the dietary pattern.

The **third phase**, comprised of four calls over a 4-month period, will help participants habituate to the dietary pattern by providing regular performance reviews.

The **fourth phase**, comprised of 8 calls over a 17-month period, will be a maintenance phase.

**Quality of Life Measures:** Seven quality of life measures will be used: Personal Habits Questionnaire, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Scale-Prostate (FACT-P); Memorial Anxiety Scale for Prostate Cancer (Max-PC); International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS); Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite 26 (EPIC-26); Nutrition Self-Efficacy and Satisfaction with the MEAL Program.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Prostate Cancer: The Concept of Overtreatment

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-cutaneous cancer among US men. Approximately 192,000 new cases were identified in 2009 (1). Although prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among US men, the probability of dying from prostate cancer is relatively low. The lifetime risk of prostate cancer diagnosis is 16%, but the lifetime risk of death from prostate cancer is only 3% (1). This discrepancy between prostate cancer incidence and mortality, due in large part to detection of pre-symptomatic tumors by the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) assay, is distinct among cancers. As a result of widespread PSA testing, 50% of newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients now present with localized, lower-risk disease (2).

Most patients with lower-risk prostate cancer are treated with surgery or radiation (3). Although the probability of cure with these modalities is high, both are associated with urinary, bowel, and sexual morbidities that significantly diminish quality of life (4, 5). Moreover, despite the high probability that these men will remain disease-free, whether the treatments actually reduce prostate cancer-specific or overall mortality in lower-risk patients is not known. Many men with localized, higher-risk prostate cancer have aggressive disease that warrants aggressive intervention (6); many others, with lower-risk, generally indolent prostate cancer, even younger men likely to live 15 years or more from diagnosis, derive few, if any, survival benefits from treatment (7-10).

Population studies suggest that a substantial proportion of men diagnosed with lower-risk prostate cancer in the US are over-treated (2-4). In a recent study of the US SEER registry, Miller and colleagues concluded that approximately 50% of men with lower-risk prostate cancer received unnecessarily aggressive treatment, surgery or radiation (4). The staggering scope of this public health problem that is, unnecessarily aggressive treatment of lower risk prostate cancer, treatment that diminishes quality of life for tens of thousands of US men each year, challenges us to develop innovative therapeutic and diagnostic models to refine treatment paradigms within this patient population.

### 1.2 Active Surveillance (AS) for Lower-Risk Prostate Cancer

The concept that substantial proportions of men diagnosed with lower-risk prostate cancer are over-treated has fostered growing interest in a management approach known as active surveillance (AS). AS entails vigilant monitoring of men with localized, lower-risk prostate cancer by serial PSA measurements, frequent digital rectal examinations, and intermittent prostate biopsies. Intervention with surgery, radiation, or other therapies is reserved until patients show evidence of disease progression (9,11-16).

Active surveillance protocols for identification of patients with lower-risk disease vary by institution, but are generally similar. Clinical criteria for enrollment in a surveillance program typically include total PSA < 10 ng/mL, tumor that is non-palpable, or palpable but small on digital rectal examination (clinical stage T1 or T2) and lower-risk tumor characteristics on prostate biopsy, namely, low-grade (Gleason sum  $\leq 6$ ) and low-volume (tumor evident only in a small number and percentage of biopsy cores) disease (9,11-16). Similarly, while there remains no clinical consensus, disease progression while on surveillance is broadly defined as a rapidly increasing PSA (manifested as decreased PSA doubling time or increased PSA velocity) or worrisome pathology on repeat biopsy (Gleason score  $\geq 7$  or increased tumor volume) (9,11-16).

In carefully selected men with lower-risk prostate cancer, AS is a viable and safe treatment option. Warlick and colleagues, confirming earlier results (9), observed that patients followed on AS for up to 6 years who then progressed by PSA or pathological criteria and underwent surgery were just as likely to be cured of their disease as men who underwent surgery immediately after diagnosis (14).

Approximately 30% of patients on AS will progress based on current PSA or pathological criteria and thus receive intervention with surgery or radiation, typically within 2 years of beginning surveillance (11). The Hopkins data indicate that 31% of patients progress within 26 months (13, 15). In the Toronto cohort, 34% progressed after 64 months; however, the definition of progression for most of the follow-up period was based on a PSA DT of 2 years or pathology progression to Gleason grade 8. Klotz estimated that 20 percent of patients would progress on the basis of a PSA DT of 3 years, while 5 to 10% would progress on the basis of tumor grade progression. Moreover, up to 12% of men who do not meet objective criteria for progression will opt for intervention (11). Thus, in total, over 40% of men on AS will progress or proceed to treatment. Reducing the proportion of men who progress or choose treatment while on AS for prostate cancer represents a novel opportunity to minimize treatment-associated morbidity, improve patient quality of life, and contain health care costs.

### 1.3 Diet and Prostate Cancer

The existence of a distinct, relatively indolent phenotype in prostate cancer presents an important opportunity. A potential means of decreasing the number of men on AS who proceed to treatment is dietary change. There is great interest in the role of diet in the etiology and natural history of prostate cancer (17, 18). Accumulating evidence suggests that diet may alter prostate cancer initiation and progression. Macronutrients and micronutrients associated with decreased prostate cancer risk include retinoids, carotenoids (particularly lycopene), cruciferous vegetables, dietary fat, soy products, folate, retinol, vitamin D, and omega fatty acids (17-23). A range of phytochemicals in fruits and vegetables could have effects on a metabolically active organ like the prostate, and a number of plausible mechanisms have been proposed (24-39).

Experimental studies based on cell line and animal models suggest that vegetable intake may lessen the risk or retard the progress of prostate cancer. Rats fed tomato powder have decreased prostate-cancer specific mortality compared to controls (24) and, in vitro, lycopene inhibits DNA synthesis in prostate epithelial cells (25). Cell line and animal data support the anti-carcinogenic properties of isothiocyanates, which are components of cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage. Isothiocyanates induce expression of cytoprotective phase 2 enzymes in multiple prostate tumor cell lines (26, 31) promote apoptosis of prostate cancer PC-3 cells in vitro, and inhibit growth of PC-3 xenografts in nude mice (28). In a prostatectomy model, men fed a tomato intensive diet had distinct biological changes potentially associated with suppression of prostate tumors (30).

Indirect evidence from epidemiology, ecological, case-control and cohort studies in humans suggests that altering nutritional intake may provide beneficial effects against prostate cancer (18). This evidence suggests a diet that emphasizes vegetable intake and de-emphasizes meat and fat intake may decrease the risk of prostate cancer initiation and progression. The most direct evidence for this supposition has been provided by studies of whole foods rather than micronutrients. Red meat and fat intakes tend to be associated with increased risk (particularly of aggressive cancer); cruciferous vegetables and tomatoes and tomato products tend to be most closely associated with decreased risk (20-23, 33).

Recent observational data also indicate that weight loss may alter the natural history of prostate cancer: among men in the Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort, weight loss >11 lbs over 10 years was associated with a 40% reduction for high-grade cancer risk (34). Follow up of the Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial cohort indicated that a BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> was associated with an 18% decreased risk of low-grade prostate cancer and a 29% increased risk of high-grade prostate cancer (35). Low serum cholesterol was associated in this same study with decreased risk of high grade prostate cancer (36).

To date, human experimental evidence supporting epidemiologic and pre-clinical findings, though intriguing, is limited. Isothiocyanates derived from cruciferous

vegetables enter the human prostate following oral consumption and may be associated with anti-carcinogenic, phase 2 enzyme activity in prostate tissue (29, 31). In a small intervention study, patients with recurrent prostate cancer experienced decreased PSA doubling times six months after beginning treatment with diet modification and stress reduction (37). In another small clinical trial of active surveillance patients, randomization to a plant-based diet with micronutrient supplements and intensive lifestyle changes resulted in decreased serum PSA concentrations, inhibition of prostate cancer cell growth, and progression to active treatment; (38) another non-randomized pilot study utilizing a similar intervention (plant based whole foods coupled with exercise and stress management) resulted in significant changes in prostate gene expression (39).

These studies provide preliminary clinical evidence that diet change may slow prostate cancer progression. Still, they were small studies with only short-term (~ 1 year) follow-up. Moreover, as it is impossible to isolate the effects of diet from those of exercise, stress management, and group support, these changes in PSA and cancer cell growth cannot with certainty be attributed solely to dietary change. On the other hand, the most likely factor driving these changes is diet. In addition, whether intensive lifestyle modifications such as exercise, yoga, and stress management would be practicable, sustainable behaviors in large groups of patients remain to be seen. An adequately powered trial, focusing on diet as a primary form of intervention, is needed.

We previously designed and implemented a telephone-based dietary intervention for prostate cancer patients based on well-established principles of social cognitive theory. This relatively straightforward intervention, the first to use diet change as a primary treatment for low risk prostate cancer, produced robust, beneficial diet changes (i.e. significantly increased vegetable intakes) and led to increased plasma levels of potentially anti-carcinogenic carotenoids in prostate cancer patients (40-42). We believe that the next step is to determine, in a suitable study sample, whether these diet changes, marked by increased plasma carotenoid levels, will exert a clinically relevant and sustainable effect on prostate cancer progression.

#### **1.4 Dietary Intervention in an Active Surveillance (AS) Population**

Men on AS represent a compelling population for studying diet change and prostate cancer for at least 4 reasons. First, approximately 100,000 men are diagnosed with lower-risk prostate cancer every year in the US. Some 42% of men on AS progress to treatment (30% because of disease progression, 12% because of anxiety); reducing this proportion represents a realistic and valuable therapeutic and public health goal (8, 9, 11, 13). Second, clinically localized, lower-risk cancer may potentially be more affected by dietary change than more advanced, aggressive disease. If diet is related to the risk of prostate cancer, it may well exert an impact on the earliest phases of prostate cancer; its impact may best be tested in an AS population. Third, AS patients are not receiving active therapy (i.e. radiation, surgery, or androgen) that would otherwise obscure or modify any beneficial effects of dietary change. Finally, AS patients would likely be receptive to nutritional interventions with proven benefits for cardiovascular and overall health (8, 11, 43).

Indeed, because prostate cancer diagnosis is a source of considerable anxiety and diminished quality of life for many patients diagnosed with lower-risk disease (44-46), dietary change might not only exert therapeutic biological effects on the tumor, but might also encourage men with lower-risk prostate cancer and no signs of progression to remain within an AS program. As previously noted, up to 12% of patients with no objective PSA or pathologic indications of progression nonetheless opt for treatment that may not improve their prognosis (11). Treatment preferences in this situation are generally believed to arise, to a large extent, from patient anxiety and discomfort over not receiving curative therapy. This attitude is likely fostered by the action-oriented approach that characterizes our current health care system (8). However, prostate cancer-related anxiety and its effects on treatment choice have not as yet been prospectively studied in an AS population.

Diet change presents an ideal opportunity for AS patients to alter the perception of their disease by providing an intervention on which to focus. This approach may dissuade otherwise lower-risk men from pursuing unnecessarily aggressive, morbidity-generating treatments. Such an approach would promulgate a novel therapeutic paradigm for lower-risk prostate cancer: medical management, without radical intervention, in a chronic disease state.

### **1.5 Quality of Life Among Prostate Cancer Patients**

Cancer patients often report significant anxiety about their disease. Several investigators have documented fear of recurrence to be highly prevalent in a number of different cancer patient populations (47-50). Cancer survivors may experience lingering psychological sequelae, including fear of diagnostic tests and fear of recurrence for long periods of time after diagnosis and treatment (53).

Prostate cancer patients are not immune to worry over their disease (5, 44-46, 52, 53). However, treatment may also diminish fear of recurrence. Among prostate cancer patients undergoing definitive treatment, fear of recurrence peaked prior to treatment, then decreased within 6 months after treatment (52). A possible explanation for this finding is that patients were reassured about their prognosis after having undergone treatment. Providing prostate cancer patients the opportunity to exert control over a change in their dietary intake, a diet-based intervention may perhaps help patients overcome fear of recurrence, particularly if the intervention stabilizes PSA.

Part of the impact of a diet change program may involve social cognitive theory, which governs most current attempts to change behavior. A key element of social cognitive theory is self-efficacy. According to social cognitive theory, the interaction of the individual with the environment is influenced by his or her cognitions and beliefs about ability, expectation of behavioral outcomes, and evaluation and modification of behavior toward specific goals (54). Components of social cognitive theory include self-efficacy (confidence in ability to perform a particular behavior to accomplish a specific goal), outcome expectancies (belief that a particular behavior will result in a particular consequence), and self-regulation (adopting personal standards for behavior, appraising behavior against such standards, and creating incentives that motivate and guide behavior). Participating in diet change, as in this study, may increase patient feelings of self-efficacy, defined as their "judgments of their capabilities to organize and execute courses of action required to attain designated types of performance (55-57)." According to Bandura (56), mastery experiences are the most reliable source of efficacy information. Applied to this study, feelings of greater self-efficacy will increase patients' ability to control their diet and consequently their health. Identifying and reinforcing patients' present success is a factor that Bandura (54, 56), and Strecher and colleagues (58) suggest clinicians use to improve self-efficacy. Building a sense of self-efficacy is part of the MEAL program. Self-efficacy has been incorporated into various interventions: self-management interventions and educational programs in patients with chronic disease (61) and prostate cancer (57). Breast and colon cancer patients randomized to either an educational or nutritional intervention arm had significantly fewer depressive symptoms and better physical functioning than patients in the control group, primarily accounted for by self-efficacy (60). Cancer patients with greater self-efficacy have been found to be better adjusted and have a better overall quality of life (55, 57-59).

We expect that participating in the MEAL intervention will improve the quality of life for low risk prostate cancer patients. The literature is largely supportive, indicating that this intervention's focus on self-efficacy will add measurably to quality of life (56-63). One of the implicit messages that participants take from being in this study will be that low risk prostate cancer is a condition to monitor, but neither a death sentence nor a condition that requires radical, immediate, life-changing intervention. We will not be able to compare trial participants to non-participants. We will,

however, be able to compare those randomized to the diet change to those randomized to the comparison group.

Low risk prostate cancer is a substantial public health issue that affects tens of thousands of men each year in the US. Epidemiologic, pre-clinical, and preliminary clinical studies suggest that diet is related to prostate cancer risk, so that changing to a high-vegetable diet may decrease prostate cancer progression in lower risk patients. Clearly, mature clinical data on use of diet to treat prostate cancer are lacking. We have developed a novel, practical, telephone-based intervention that has been shown to increase vegetable intake and serum carotenoid levels in men with prostate cancer. We propose to document the impact of this dietary intervention in an extended clinical trial using prostate cancer patients under AS; for such patients, the likelihood of treatment efficacy, even after delay, is relatively high. Patient anxiety is a prominent yet understudied complaint among AS patients; diet change may decrease prostate-cancer related anxiety among these patients. Further study of diagnosis-related anxiety will yield potentially important information for improving the psychological care of prostate cancer patients.

### **1.6 Pilot Data Supporting Dietary Intervention: The Women's Healthy Eating and Living (WHEL) Study for Breast Cancer**

A CALGB pilot study demonstrated the feasibility of implementing dietary changes among cancer patients in the Women's Healthy Eating and Living study (WHEL), a multi-center trial of diet change for breast cancer (40-42,64). Utilizing well-established behavior change techniques, this intervention achieved substantial changes in vegetable, fiber and fruit consumption, along with a substantial change in fat consumption (64).

The dietary intervention we developed employs telephone-based communication. The conceptual framework of the intervention is derived from Social Cognitive Theory (54), which emphasizes strengthening of individual self-regulatory skills, including goal-setting, self-monitoring and evaluative judgments. We utilize lay coaches to help participants frame options for decisions. The coaches focus on self-efficacy, or participant belief that they can actually succeed in behavior change (64, 65). The lay coaches also provide a supportive environment for regular discussion of triumphs and failures as participants seek to change. The lay coaches are well versed in basic nutrition, and they are supervised by experienced and knowledgeable dietitians; nonetheless, they function less as authority figures than as facilitators or guides, and as supporters, helping participants optimize their options as they proceed through change (66).

The intervention efforts are timed so that they provide the greatest support and guidance when the challenges of change, hence the threats of failure, are greatest: at the beginning (65). We have demonstrated that major changes can be implemented during the first month of the intervention (40-42, 65). The subsequent challenge is to integrate change into the participant lifestyle, then to reinforce and maintain the change. The counselors during this time watch for signs that participant self-efficacy is waning; declining self-efficacy may be an indicator that failure is increasingly likely (65). We have shown that this approach results in substantial dietary change that can be maintained for several years (67).

This telephone-based approach has been shown to result in change that can be seen in accepted biomarkers of nutritional practice (40-42). Carotenoids, which are fat-soluble pigments found almost exclusively in vegetables and fruits, accumulate in blood. The most common of these, alpha carotene, beta-carotene, lutein, lycopene and cryptoxanthin, reflecting the intake of a wide range of plants, were used as general biomarkers of plant intake (65). The WHEL study intervention, on which our pilot trial was based, caused the diets and blood carotenoids of 1500 experimental subjects and 1500 control subjects to diverge substantially within a year of beginning the intervention; after that, we observed, over a period of 3 to 4 years, a slight decline in the difference between the dietary practices of experimental and control subjects (66). Nonetheless, experimental subjects in the WHEL study spent the bulk of their

study participation time consuming a diet that was radically different than both their pre-enrollment diet and that of comparison subjects.

A nuance of diet change trials is that subjects are not blinded to their assignment; thus, there is always a possibility that subject behavior will be changed by subject knowledge of intervention. In particular, experimental subjects may be inclined to exaggerate their compliance with diet goals. Subjects cannot, however, readily exaggerate their blood carotenoid levels except by changing their diet. These are integrated over an extended period, and experimental subjects are unlikely to change these other than by changing their diet.

While it is certainly true that any methodology involving prospective dietary change poses challenges, the WHEL data, and the to-be discussed MEAL data, indicate that we can profoundly change diet. In addition, these data confirm that comparison subjects will not in large part change their diets.

Although the effect of these changes on breast cancer recurrence was null for the overall study, a sub-group analysis based on hot flash status demonstrated significantly decreased risk of additional breast cancer events among women without hot flashes who had higher vegetable, fruit and fiber and lower fat intakes (70). These data tentatively support the notion that diet change may alter the natural history of breast cancer in select groups of patients.

### **1.7 The Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Pilot Study**

Based on the WHEL experience, we designed and implemented a pilot study of diet change in men with prostate cancer based on similar principles of behavior change: the Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study (40-42). This randomized, controlled clinical pilot trial of 74 men, most with clinically localized prostate cancer, utilized the same diet-change intervention outlined in this application. To increase the number of change patients for evaluation, we randomized 2 patients to intervention for every one randomized to comparison. This trial was different from the WHEL study, in that we invited the spouse or significant other of the patient, and not just the patient, to participate in the diet counseling. The study demonstrated that diet change with telephone-based counseling results in increased vegetable intake and increased plasma carotenoid concentrations among men with prostate cancer.

#### **Dietary changes: vegetables**

Consistent with counseling targets, vegetable intakes in the intervention arm increased significantly at six months, while those in the control arm remained static (Table 1). Diet was measured by a series of three 24-hour recalls collected interactively via telephone interview. In the intervention arm, mean daily intakes of total vegetables, crucifers, tomato products and other vegetables increased by 76%, 143%, 292%, and 55%, respectively. The intervention emphasized vegetable, rather than fruit intake, and white potatoes and lettuce did not count. As a result, fruit, lettuce, and potato intake declined for experimental subjects (40-42). In the control arm, there were no significant changes in mean intakes of total vegetables, crucifers, tomato products, lettuce and potatoes, or other vegetables.



**Table 1. Vegetable intake\* at baseline and 6 months as assessed by 24 hour dietary recall in the Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study**

	<b>Intervention n=45</b>			<b>Control n=23</b>		
	Baseline	6 Months	Change	Baseline	6 Months	Change
<b>Total vegetables</b>	4.1	7.2	76%††	3.7	4.2	12%
<b>Cruciferous vegetables</b>	0.7	1.7	143%††	0.4	0.6	44%
<b>Tomatoes</b>	0.6	2.3	292%††	0.7	0.8	5%
<b>Lettuce and potatoes</b>	1.0	0.4	-58%††	0.6	0.6	-3%
<b>Other vegetables</b>	1.8	2.8	55%†	1.9	2.2	12%

\*All intakes measured in servings per day

†Significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between groups

‡Significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) within groups

#### **Dietary changes: non-vegetables**

Intakes of whole grains and beans in the intervention group increased, while fat intake decreased; mean daily intakes of whole grains and beans increased by 28% and 95%, respectively, while fat intake decreased by 12% ( $p < 0.05$ ). In the control arm, whole grain and fiber intakes decreased by 33% and 21%, respectively ( $p < 0.05$ ), and there were no significant changes in fruit, beans, fiber, or fat intakes (data not shown) (40-42).

#### **Plasma carotenoid concentrations**

Consistent with increased vegetable consumption, carotenoid concentrations increased in the intervention but not in the control group (Table 2). At baseline, plasma total carotenoid concentrations of intervention and control participants were virtually the same. At six months, however, those of intervention and control participants, respectively, rose by 26% and 3% ( $p = 0.02$ ). In the intervention group,  $\alpha$ -carotene,  $\beta$ -carotene, lutein, and lycopene concentrations increased significantly, while those in the control group remained static ( $p < 0.05$ ). Cryptoxanthin levels changed in neither group. That the changes observed were qualitatively larger than those observed in such prevention interventions as the Polyp Prevention Trial (69) suggests that this test of dietary intervention might be much more sensitive and powerful than either the Polyp Prevention Trial or the Women's Health Initiative (70).

Although the MEAL study was not strictly intended for AS patients, the patients on AS (53% of the study sample) experienced dietary change and plasma carotenoid results identical to those for the entire group (42). These data support the feasibility of implementing a larger clinical trial of a telephone-based diet intervention in men with prostate cancer treated with AS.

Our data, which include blood-based biomarkers, indicate that experimental subjects changed their diets, but that comparison subjects did not. Other data, including the Polyp Prevention Trial (71) and the Women's Healthy Eating and Living study (66), confirm that comparison subjects in diet intervention trials in general do not change their diets to nearly the extent that experimental subjects do.

**Table 2. Plasma carotenoid concentrations at baseline and 6 months in the Men's Eating and Living (MEAL) Study**

Carotenoid (mmol/L)	Intervention n=45			Control n=23		
	Baseline	6 Months	Change	Baseline	6 Months	Change
<b>α-Carotene</b>	0.17	0.23	33%†	0.16	0.17	5%
<b>β-Carotene</b>	0.61	0.83	36%††	0.63	0.66	5%
<b>Lutein</b>	0.44	0.53	19%††	0.43	0.43	0
<b>Lycopene</b>	0.79	1.03	30%††	0.86	0.87	2%
<b>Cryptoxanthin</b>	0.19	0.17	-11%	0.17	0.18	11%
<b>Total Carotenoids</b>	2.21	2.79	26%††	2.24	2.32	3%

†Significant difference (p<0.05) between groups

††Significant difference (p<0.05) within groups

#### **MEAL: Program satisfaction**

The response to the intervention was almost universally positive. In a very preliminary attempt to document the extent to which the participants experienced this program positively, we administered a limited questionnaire to 33 of the participants. We asked them to describe their satisfaction on a 5-point scale, with 1 indicating strong dissatisfaction and 5 strong satisfaction. The responses were extremely positive; 31 of 33 rated their counselor a 5 for being prompt and convenient with sessions; 30 of 33 rated the counselor a 5 for listening; 32 of 33 rated the counselor a 5 for being easy to talk to; 29 of 33 rated the counselor a 5 for knowledge; 26 of 33 gave the counselor a 5 for being helpful; 25 of 33 gave the counselor a 5 for motivating them; and 24 of 33 gave the counselor a 5 for helping them to overcome barriers.

### **1.8 Study Design**

In summary, these promising pilot data support the feasibility of a larger clinical trial of a telephone-based dietary intervention in men with prostate cancer treated with AS. The synthesis of these two aims-optimizing management of active surveillance patients through diet-represents a novel approach to this topic with a high potential for providing near-term patient benefits that would serve both the prostate cancer population and the broader public health. An adequately powered trial, focusing on diet as a primary form of intervention is needed.

CALGB 70807 is a randomized, phase III clinical trial designed to test this practical, diet-based intervention for prostate cancer in a broader clinical setting. Patients on AS will be randomized either to an intervention of centralized, telephone-based dietary counseling and structured dietary education or to a comparison control condition in which they receive the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Study endpoints will include disease progression, incidence of treatment, and health-related quality of life.

## 1.9 Inclusion of Women and Minorities

Because prostate cancer occurs primarily in men above the age of 50, recruitment of participants for this study will focus upon men aged 50 years and older. Since women and children are not subject to prostate cancer, they will be excluded from this study. Efforts will be made to enroll individuals of all races and ethnic backgrounds, with the added goal of recruiting relatively high numbers of individuals of Hispanic origin and of African-American origin. The increased risk of prostate cancer and especially of lethal prostate cancer among African Americans makes it imperative that we secure adequate representation of African Americans in this study.

CALGB has a long history of effort to ensure adequate representation of minorities in all clinical trials, including prevention trials. The recent experience of the Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT) (80) is instructive: 29% of the CALGB participants were African Americans. In our MEAL pilot study, 12% of participants were non-white. Our goal with the full MEAL trial is for 29% of participants to be members of racial minorities, especially African Americans.

Accrual Targets					
Ethnic Category	Sex/Gender				
	Females		Males		Total
Hispanic or Latino	0	+	32	=	32
Not Hispanic or Latino	0	+	432	=	432
<b>Ethnic Category: Total of all subjects</b>	0 (A1)	+	464 (B1)	=	464 (C1)
Racial Category					
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	+	4	=	4
Asian	0	+	5	=	5
Black or African American	0	+	79	=	79
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	+	4	=	4
White	0	+	372	=	372
<b>Racial Category: Total of all subjects</b>	0 (A2)	+	464 (B2)	=	464 (C2)

(A1 = A2)

(B1 = B2)

(C1 = C2)

Accrual Rate: 15 pts/month

Total Expected Accrual: 464 Min 464 Max

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES

### 2.1 Primary Objective

To determine if a telephone-based dietary intervention compared to no intervention will decrease clinical progression in AS patients.

### 2.2 Secondary Objectives

**2.2.1** To compare the incidence of active treatment (surgery, irradiation, local ablation, or androgen deprivation) in AS patients receiving dietary intervention compared to no intervention.

**2.2.2** To compare prostate cancer-related anxiety in AS patients receiving dietary intervention compared to no intervention.

**2.2.3** To compare health-related quality of life in AS patients receiving dietary intervention compared to no intervention.

### 3.0 ON STUDY GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are to assist physicians in selecting patients for whom protocol therapy is safe and appropriate. Physicians should recognize that the following might increase the risk to the patient entering this protocol:

- Patients with medical conditions which, in the opinion of the treating physician, would make this protocol unreasonably hazardous for the patient should not be enrolled. Such conditions may include uncontrolled chronic diseases (including uncontrolled diabetes mellitus, cardiac disease, ulcerative colitis, and Crohn's disease); or psychiatric illness/social situations that would limit compliance with study requirements and/or prevent the patient from giving informed consent.
- Intolerance of cruciferous vegetables.
- Unwillingness to adopt a vegetable-intensive diet.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### 4.1 Preregistration Eligibility

##### 4.1.1 Histologic Documentation:

- Biopsy-proven (consisting of  $\geq 10$  tissue cores) adenocarcinoma of the prostate diagnosed within 24 months prior to presentation.
- $\leq 2$  biopsy tissue cores positive for cancer.
- $\leq 50\%$  of any one biopsy tissue core positive for cancer.
- Clinical stage  $\leq T2a$ .
- Patients who have prostate cancer with distant metastases are not eligible.

##### 4.1.2 Prior Treatment

- Patients who have had prior treatment for prostate cancer by surgery, irradiation, local ablative (i.e. cryosurgery or high-intensity focused ultrasound) or androgen deprivation therapy are not eligible.

**4.1.3** Patients who have had a history of non-cutaneous malignancy (other than non-melanoma skin cancer) in the previous 5 years are not eligible.

##### 4.1.4 Language

- Patients must be able to read and comprehend English language text and be able to understand spoken English over the phone.

**4.1.5** Life expectancy of at least 3 years.

**4.1.6** Patients who are currently taking vitamin supplements including lycopene and beta-carotene are eligible.

**4.1.7** Patients who are currently taking coumadin are not eligible.

**4.1.8** Participants will be men aged 50 to 80 years.

**4.1.9** For men  $\leq 70$  years, biopsy Gleason score  $\leq 6$ ; for men  $> 70$  years, biopsy Gleason score  $\leq (3 + 4) = 7$ .

##### 4.1.10 Required Initial Laboratory Values:

- Serum PSA  $< 10$  ng/ml

## 4.2 Registration Eligibility

**4.2.1** Successful completion of three 24-hour dietary recalls during the run in period.

**4.2.2** Patients consuming  $\geq 6$  servings per day of fruits and vegetables (not including juices), as measured by a food frequency questionnaire at initial enrollment, are not eligible.

**4.2.3** Submission of blood sample

## 5.0 REGISTRATION

### 5.1 Preregistration

**Informed Consent:** The patient must be aware of the neoplastic nature of his disease and willingly consent after being informed of the procedure to be followed, the experimental nature of the study, alternatives, potential benefits, side effects, risks and discomforts.

**Protected Health Information:** In order to contact patients by telephone and by mail, it will be necessary to collect those participants' names, addresses, and telephone numbers. This information will be sent to the University of California, San Diego Moores Cancer Center and will be destroyed upon completion of the study.

#### **CALGB Preregistration Procedures**

This study uses the CALGB Web-based Patient Registration system. Preregistration must occur prior to providing patients with access to the online patient data entry site, login information, or training.

Confirm eligibility criteria (Section 4.0). Complete the Preregistration Worksheet. Access the Web-based Patient Registration system via the patient registration tab at [www.calgb.org](http://www.calgb.org). If the registering CRA requires assistance, he/she may consult the on-line help file located at the bottom of the screen or call the IS Help Desk at 1-888-44CALGB. If further assistance is required, the registering CRA may call the CALGB Registrar (919-668-9396, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, Eastern Time; Registration fax 919-668-9397). Enter the following information:

Study

Name of group (CALGB)

Name of institution where patient is being treated

Name of treating physician

Physician's email address

Physician's telephone contact information

Name of treating research nurse

Research nurse's email address

Name of responsible CRA

Responsible CRA's email address

CALGB patient ID #

Patient's first name, middle initial, and last name

Patient's Social Security #, date of birth, and local hospital ID #

Patient's gender

Patient's age

Patient's race

CTC performance status

Disease, type and stage

CALGB treatment trial #

Clinical trial treatment start date

Date of signed consent

Eligibility criteria met (no, yes)

When the patient is preregistered, a patient identification number will be generated, which will be kept in the records.

The Main Member/At-Large Institution and registering institution will receive a Confirmation of Preregistration which will be checked for errors. Corrections will be submitted in writing to CALGB Statistical Center, Data Operations, Hock Plaza, 2424 Erwin Road, Suite 802, Durham, NC 27705.

**Within 24 hours of preregistration, fax the MEAL Contact Information Form C-2010 to Vicky Newman at 858-822-6896, in addition, notify Vicky Newman via email at [vinewman@ucsd.edu](mailto:vinewman@ucsd.edu).**

## 5.2 Run-In

Patients will complete the Personal Habits Questionnaire and provide baseline 6-hour fasting blood samples.

Within one week of receiving the contact sheet from sites, patients will be called by the nutrition unit at UCSD on randomly selected days to complete three 24-hour dietary recalls. The series of dietary recalls will be completed within 2-3 weeks. Participants will have two chances to successfully complete the run-in.

## 5.3 CALGB Registration/Randomization Requirements

Upon completion of the run-in, UCSD will notify the site and the statistical center about patient eligibility. Eligible patients who completed the run-in and submitted a blood sample, will then be registered and randomized by the site.

This study uses the CALGB Web-based Patient Registration system. Randomization will be accepted only through CALGB Main Member Institutions, at-large members, selected affiliate institutions and CCOPs using the Web-based Patient Registration system. Registration must occur prior to the initiation of therapy.

Confirm eligibility criteria (Section 4.0). Complete the Registration Worksheet. Access the Web-based Patient Registration system via the Patient Registration tab on the CALGB Member Website at [www.calgb.org](http://www.calgb.org). If the study does not appear on the list of studies in the Patient Registration system, the registration must be performed by the CALGB Registrar via phone or fax. If the registering CRA requires assistance, he/she may consult the on-line help file at the bottom of the screen or call the IS Help Desk at 1-888-44CALGB. If further assistance is required, the registering CRA may call the CALGB Registrar (919)-668-9396, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM, Eastern Time. Enter the following information:

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Study

Name of group (CALGB)

Name of institution where patient is being treated

Name of treating physician

Name of person in contact with the patient record (responsible contact)

Protocol IRB approval date

Date of signed consent

Treatment Start Date (if applicable)

Date [of] HIPAA authorization signed by the patient

Patient's initials (last initial, first initial, middle initial)

Patient's Social Security #, date of birth, hospital ID #, and survival status

Patient's gender

Patient's race

Patient's ethnicity

ECOG performance status

Patient's height (cm) and weight (kg) (if applicable)

Type of insurance (Method of Payment)

Patient's postal code

Disease, type and stage, if applicable

Eligibility criteria met (no, yes)

When the patient is registered, a CALGB patient identification number will be generated. Please write the number in your records. Registration to treatment studies will not be completed if eligibility requirements are not met for all selected trials.

After registration is complete, the patient may be randomized. The patient is randomized according to the stratification factors, which must be entered to obtain a treatment assignment. Once the randomization is complete, note the patient's treatment assignment in your records. Please fax registration/randomization information to Vicky Newman at 858-822-6896 with notice also by email to [vinewman@ucsd.edu](mailto:vinewman@ucsd.edu). Upon receipt of this information, patients will be contacted by UCSD staff for their initial orientation telephone call. Patients will also receive an enrollment packet, provided by UCSD, which will contain either information about the intervention or a packet of NCI-endorsed nutritional intervention materials (see Section 8.3).

The Main Member Institution and registering institution will receive a Confirmation of Registration and a Confirmation of Randomization. Please check both confirmations for errors. Submit corrections in writing to the data coordinator at the CALGB Statistical Center, Data Operations, 2424 Erwin Rd, Ste 802 Hock Plaza, Durham, NC 27705, or fax to 919-668-9397.

#### **5.4 Stratification Factors**

1. Age
  - a) Men  $\leq$  70 years b) Men > 70 years
2. Race
  - a) African American b) Other
3. Baseline Prostate Biopsy
  - a) 0-12 months prior to registration b) >12-24 months prior to registration

### **6.0 DATA SUBMISSION AND SAMPLE SUBMISSION**

**6.1 Data Submission:** Forms should be submitted to the CALGB Statistical Center, Data Operations, in compliance with the Data Submission schedule below. There are three options for submitting forms that use the Teleform barcode and cornerstones:

- The preferred method is to submit the forms electronically using the "Submit to CALGB" button located at the bottom of the last page of each form. Forms submitted electronically should not be submitted by fax or mail.
- The forms may be faxed to 919-416-4990. Please note that the four cornerstones and the form id ("bitmap") must appear on the form. Copies must be 100% of the original form size.
- The forms may be mailed to the CALGB Statistical Center, Data Operations, Hock Plaza, 2424 Erwin Road, Suite 802, Durham, NC 27705. Please note that the four cornerstones and the form id ("bitmap") must appear on the form. Copies must be 100% of the original form size.

**Data Submission:** Submit forms to the CALGB Statistical Center, Data Operations at the following intervals:

Forms		Submission Schedule
Pre-Registration		
	Pre-Registration Worksheet	Submit at pre-registration
C-2010	MEAL Contact Information	Submit MEAL contact information to the UCSD staff (See Section 5.1)
Run In		
C-2002	Personal Habits Questionnaire	Submit within 2 weeks of registration
Registration		
	Registration Worksheet	Submit within 2 weeks of registration
C-2012	CALGB 70807 On Study Form	
Quality of Life		
C-2003	CALGB 70807 MAX-PC Form	Submit within 2 weeks of registration
C-2004	CALGB 70807 Nutritional Self Efficacy Form	
C-2005	CALGB 70807 IPSS Form	
C-2023	CALGB 70807 EPIC-26 Form	
C-2007	CALGB 70807 FACT-P Form	
During Intervention		
C-2003	CALGB 70807 MAX-PC Form	Submit at 6, 12, 18 and 24 months
C-2004	CALGB 70807 Nutritional Self Efficacy Form	
C-2005	CALGB 70807 IPSS Form	
C-2023	CALGB 70807 EPIC-26 Form	
C-2007	CALGB 70807 FACT-P Form	
C-2008	CALGB 70807 MEAL Evaluation	Arm A patients only: Submit at 24 months
C-2013	CALGB 70807 Follow Up Form	Submit at 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24 months
Post Intervention Follow-Up		
C-2013	CALGB 70807 Follow Up Form	Submit every 3 months until 2 years from date of registration (see Section 8.7)
Other		
C-260	CALGB Remarks Addenda	Submit as needed



## 6.2 Sample Collection and Submission

All participating institutions must collect samples for patients enrolled on CALGB 70807. Biomarker and pharmacogenomic studies will be performed. Rationale and methods for the scientific components of these studies are described in Section 10.0. Tissue and blood will be collected at the following time points for these studies:

	Preregistration*	12 Mos	24 Mos	Submit To:
H&E slides	X	X	X	PCO
Plasma (10 ml Green top tube)	X	X	X	PCO
Serum (10 ml Red top tube)	X	X	X	PCO
Whole Blood (10 ml Lavender top tube)	X	X	X	PCO

\* To be completed during the run-in period.

All submitted specimens must be labeled with the protocol number (70807), CALGB patient number, patient's initials and date and type of specimen collected (e.g., serum, whole blood).

Specimens for patients registered on this study must be logged and shipped using the online CALGB Specimen Tracking system. All institutions may access this system via the CALGB Web site, <http://www.calgb.org>.

A copy of the Shipment Packing Slip produced by the CALGB Specimen Tracking System must be printed and placed in the shipment with the specimens.

**USE OF THE SPECIMEN TRACKING SYSTEM IS MANDATORY AND ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LOGGED AND SHIPPED VIA THIS SYSTEM.**

For procedural help in logging and shipping specimens, please refer to the Specimen Tracking System User Guide, which can be accessed via the Help link within the Specimen Tracking System.

To report technical problems with the CALGB Specimen Tracking System, such as login issues or application errors, and/or for further assistance using the application, please contact the CALGB Help Desk at 877-44CALGB or [calgb-support@calgb.duhs.duke.edu](mailto:calgb-support@calgb.duhs.duke.edu).

Instructions for the collection and shipping of samples are included below. Please be sure to use a method of shipping that is secure and traceable. Extreme heat precautions should be taken when necessary.

Samples should be shipped Monday-Friday by overnight service to assure their receipt. If shipping on Friday, FedEx or UPS must be used and the air bill must be marked "For Saturday Delivery." Do not ship specimens on Saturday.

All specimens should be sent to the following address:

CALGB Pathology Coordinating Office  
The Ohio State University  
Innovation Centre  
2001 Polaris Parkway  
Columbus, OH 43240  
Tel: 614-293-7073  
Fax: 614-293-7967

### **6.2.1 Serum/Plasma/Whole Blood Preparation**

First prepare the vacutainer tubes for protection from light by wrapping aluminum foil around the tube prior to filling it or putting it in a red or amber colored specimen bag. After drawing the tube, gently invert it once or twice to mix the additive with the blood. Immediately replace the sample into the previously prepared aluminum foil slip or place it into the red or amber colored specimen bag.

Throughout all stages of blood processing, shipping, and handling, it is very important to prevent prolonged exposure of blood samples and separated blood components to light. Work quickly and efficiently. When samples and sample components must be set aside, cover them or put them away from light.

### **6.2.2 Whole blood processing**

Draw 10 mL of whole blood in a lavender top (EDTA coagulant) tube and keep refrigerated until shipped overnight to the CALGB PCO. Label the tube with the patient's initials, CALGB/CTSU patient ID number, study number (CALGB 70807), and date of collection. The sample should be shipped the same day on a cold pack by overnight mail to:

CALGB Pathology Coordinating Office  
The Ohio State University  
Innovation Centre  
2001 Polaris Parkway  
Columbus, OH 43240  
Phone: 614-293-7073 FAX: 614-293-7967

Shipment on Monday through Friday by overnight service to assure receipt is encouraged. If shipping on Friday, FedEx or UPS must be used and the air bill must be marked "For Saturday delivery." Do not ship specimens on Saturdays.

### **6.2.3 Plasma processing**

Draw 10 mL of whole blood in a green top (heparin coagulant) tube. As described above, throughout all stages of blood processing, shipping, and handling, it is very important to prevent exposure of the blood to light. Bring the vacutainer tubes to the processing room inside the foil wrap, the red bag, or the amber bag. Try to start the process within 30 minutes of collection. If this is not possible, the tube(s) should be refrigerated until centrifugation.

Before you start the centrifugation, make sure the brake is off, the speed is set between 2,400 - 2,800 rpm, the temperature is 4-degrees C to 8-degrees C and the centrifugation time is set at 10 minutes.

After centrifuging for 10 minutes, allow the centrifuge to come to a complete stop before opening the cover. Do not use the brake as it may cause the red blood cells to become re-suspended in the plasma. Any tube containing red blood cells in the plasma should be re-centrifuged. Immediately return the tubes to the light protection device (aluminum foil pouch or red or amber bag).

The plasma should be aliquotted into cryovials\* within 15 minutes after centrifuging. All plasma samples will be pipetted as 0.8 ml amounts into the cryogenic storage vials\* Place the samples in the -70-degrees C freezer as soon as possible after aliquotting. Samples must be frozen at least 2 hours before packing them for shipment. If a -70-degree C freezer is unavailable, the cryovials can be placed in a -20-degree C freezer immediately after aliquotting, and then transferred to a -70-degree C freezer as soon as possible, but no longer than 2 days (over the weekend). Placing the samples on wet ice or dry ice does not sufficiently preserve the sample; at least a -20-degree C freezer is required. Samples may NOT be thawed after freezing.

\* Cryovial Choices: Some examples of acceptable 2.0 ml cryovials are: Nalgene (Cat #5012-0020), Fisher (Cat #05-669-57), Corning (Cat #430488), VWR (Cat #16001-102).

#### **6.2.4 Serum processing**

Draw 10 mL of whole blood in a red top tube. As described above, throughout all stages of blood processing, shipping, and handling, it is very important to prevent exposure of the blood to light. Gently invert 5 times to mix clot activator with blood. Let blood clot for 30 minutes. Observe a dense clot.

Bring the vacutainer tubes to the processing room inside the foil wrap, the red bag, or the amber bag. Try to start the process soon after 30 minutes of collection. If this is not possible, the tube(s) should be refrigerated until centrifugation.

Before you start the centrifugation, make sure the brake is off, the speed is set between 2,800 - 3,000 rpm, the temperature is 4-degrees C to 8-degrees C and the centrifugation time is set at 10 minutes.

After centrifuging for 10 minutes, allow the centrifuge to come to a complete stop before opening the cover. Do not use the brake as it may cause the red blood cells to become re-suspended in the serum. Any tube containing red blood cells in the serum should be re-centrifuged. Immediately return the tubes to the light protection device (aluminum foil pouch or red or amber bag).

The serum should be aliquotted into cryovials\* within 15 minutes after centrifuging. All serum samples will be pipetted as 0.8 ml amounts into the cryogenic storage vials\* Place the samples in the -70-degrees C freezer as soon as possible after aliquotting. Samples must be frozen at least 2 hours before packing them for shipment. If a -70-degree C freezer is unavailable, the cryovials can be placed in a -20-degree C freezer immediately after aliquotting, and then transferred to a -70-degree C freezer as soon as possible, but no longer than 2 days (over the weekend). Placing the samples on wet ice or dry ice does not sufficiently preserve the sample; at least a -20-degree C freezer is required. Samples may NOT be thawed after freezing.

\* Cryovial Choices: Some examples of acceptable 2.0 ml cryovials are: Nalgene (Cat #5012-0020), Fisher (Cat #05-669-57), Corning (Cat #430488), VWR (Cat #16001-102).

When you are ready to ship the plasma and serum specimens to the Pathology Coordinating Office, see Section 6.2.5 for packing instruction:

### 6.2.5 Packing and Shipping Instructions

- (1) Place dry ice nuggets on the bottom of the insulated shipping container.
  - (2) Place each freezer box in a sealed plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible from the bag before sealing.
  - (3) Place the sealed bags in the insulated shipping container on top of the dry ice.
  - (4) Layer additional\* dry ice on top of and around the plastic bags. Place any remaining freezer boxes in sealed plastic bags on top of the dry ice.
- \* Overnight deliveries should contain about 10-12 lbs. of dry ice. This will allow the package to remain frozen for 48 hours in case the shipment is delayed.
- (5) Seal the shipping fiberboard box tightly and tape all seams with waterproof tape. To delay thawing, place the box in the -70-degree C freezer to await pickup. This step need not be done if the box is packed within 2-3 hours of pickup.

Ship specimens to:

CALGB Pathology Coordinating Office  
 The Ohio State University  
 Innovation Centre  
 2001 Polaris Parkway  
 Columbus, OH 43240  
 Phone: 614-293-7073 FAX: 614-293-7967

Shipment on Monday through Friday by overnight service to assure receipt is encouraged. If shipping on Friday, FedEx or UPS must be used and the air bill must be marked "For Saturday delivery." Do not ship specimens on Saturdays.

### 6.2.6 Submission of H&E Stained Prostate Biopsy Slides

Pathology specimens will be collected for confirmation of prostate pathology. Prostate biopsy slides will be submitted at baseline, 12 and 24 months with a minimum of 10 tissue cores obtained utilizing a standard, extended biopsy pattern. If, at the discretion of the treating physician, a patient undergoes additional prostate biopsies at a time other than 12 or 24 months, the prostate biopsy slides from these additional prostate biopsies should be submitted as well. **Representative stained hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) diagnostic slides from each biopsy site/container will need to be forwarded to the PCO for review.** Submission of paraffin embedded tissue blocks is not required. Submission of the local pathology report is required. The local pathology report should contain the number of cores obtained for each biopsy to allow central verification that  $\geq 10$  cores were obtained for each biopsy.

Biopsy slides will be reviewed by Dr. Peter Humphrey at Washington University. The PCO will scan the slides and upload the images to a website and Dr. Humphrey will review the scanned images. He will forward his evaluation to the Statistical Center.

## 7.0 REQUIRED DATA

### Guidelines for Pre-Study Testing

To be completed within 3 months before preregistration

- Baseline PSA

To be completed within 24 months before preregistration

- Prostate Biopsy Tissue

	Preregis- tration	Run- in	Regis- tration	Month							
				3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
<b>Test and Observations</b>											
History and Physical	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Height†	X										
Weight†	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DRE	X						PRN				PRN
Diet Recall		A					A				A
<b>Labs and Staging</b>											
PSA	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>QOL Instruments</b>											
Personal Habits Questionnaire		X									
MAX-PC			X		X		X		X		X
Nutrition Self- Efficacy*			X		X		X		X		X
IPSS			X		X		X		X		X
EPIC-26			X		X		X		X		X
FACT-P			X		X		X		X		X
MEAL Program Satisfaction*											X
<b>Sample Submission</b>											
Blood: Carotenoid Analysis		X					X				X
Prostate biopsy tissue	X						X				X

A To be conducted by UCSD staff.

\* Only to be administered to patients randomized to Arm A.

† Refer to Section 8.1 for height and weight measurement instructions.

## 8.0 INTERVENTION

The principal strategy to promote dietary change in the intervention arm will be a telephone counseling protocol with individualized, one-on-one assistance tailored to each participant. The intervention will last 24 months. Intervention participants will engage in a series of telephone-based diet counseling sessions throughout the study. The first phase of sessions will guide initial diet-change attempts, the second will help participants complete their diet changes, and the third and fourth phases will enable participants to maintain and monitor their diet changes. This highly structured, computer-assisted telephone counseling protocol will facilitate standardization of the intervention.

### 8.1 Preregistration

At preregistration participants will complete a contact sheet that will be faxed to UCSD within 24 hours of preregistration.

#### **Urologic Assessment**

At initial assessment, participants will be evaluated in a urology clinic by a urologist in clinic as per typical AS protocols and current standard of care (2-4, 11, 13). Urological evaluations will be conducted by the GU Investigator or appropriate designee at each site. The baseline visit will include a DRE to confirm clinical stage. DRE will entail palpation of the posterior and posterolateral aspects of the entire prostate in the standard fashion.

Height and weight must be obtained during preregistration. Below are recommended guidelines to obtain these measurements in an accurate manner.

**Weight:** Weigh each participant on a medical balance or electronic scale in light clothing without shoes. Each participant should be weighed on the same scale throughout the study. Place the scale on a level uncarpeted floor surface. Before each weighing, check the scale to confirm that it reads zero in the absence of a load, and if necessary adjust it to read zero. If the participant's feet are bare, one may place a disposable paper towel on the scale platform. Ask the participant to stand still on the scale platform, arms down at their sides, and feet centered on the platform with weight evenly distributed. Record weight to the nearest pound.

**Height:** Measure the participant's height without shoes, using a stadiometer. Ask participant to stand up with heels together and weight equally distributed. Ideally, participants heels, buttocks, shoulders, and head should all touch the vertical board; however, in some cases this may not be possible. In this event, take the measurement with buttocks and heels touching the vertical board, or with head and buttocks touching the vertical board. Ask the participant to breath in deeply at which juncture the movable headboard should be placed on the head with only enough pressure to slightly compress the hair. Record height to the nearest 0.25 inch, rounding down.

### 8.2 Run-In

Patients will then complete the Personal Habits Questionnaire from the Women's Health Initiative (66) and provide 6-hour fasting blood samples. Eligible patients will be contacted by staff of the Moores Cancer center within a week to schedule a series of three 24-hour dietary recalls which will be completed within 3 weeks.

### 8.3 Registration/Randomization

Upon completion of the run-in, UCSD will notify the site and the statistical center about patient eligibility. Eligible patients who successfully completed the run-in, consumed fewer than 6 servings of fruits and vegetables (not including juices) per day and submitted a blood sample, will then be randomized.

After randomization, all patients will participate in a 5-10 minute telephone orientation conducted by staff from the Moores UCSD Cancer Center. The orientation call for intervention participants randomized to Arm A will explain the counseling program, the dietary targets, and the scientific rationale supporting these targets. During this call, participants will be introduced to the "Participant Notebook" which provides written material describing the counseling program. The notebook outlines the dietary targets, offers supporting information on strategies to achieve these targets, supplies reference tools to help participants accurately estimate servings of target foods, and offers recipes and articles about diet and prostate cancer. Patients randomized to Arm B will be sent the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

All counseling will be performed by telephone from the Moores UCSD Cancer Center using a counseling program and infrastructure of personnel developed during the WHEL (68) and MEAL (40, 42) studies. The protocol will follow a step-wise, phased approach employing strategies adopted from social cognitive theory. Motivational interviewing techniques will be utilized to help patients maintain responsibility for their own behavior change.

Each participant in Arm A will be assigned to a personal counselor/coach; if the participant has a spouse or significant other, the counselor/coach will also seek to enlist his or her cooperation and support. Counselors will work morning, afternoon, or evening shifts, and every effort will be made to assign participants to a counselor working when they prefer to receive calls. Call length will range from 20-40 minutes. Calls will be more frequent and of longer duration during the early phases of counseling.

**Educational materials** will be sent to patients on a schedule that supports the behavioral intervention goals. The participant notebook that patients enrolled on Arm A receive will include background material on dietary targets, as well as monitoring forms that patients can use to monitor their dietary change.

In order to maintain participant morale, UCSD staff will provide 8 regularly scheduled newsletters to participants on both arms of the study over the course of 24 months. Each newsletter will be two pages and will contain information about diet and healthy lifestyle. Patients enrolled on the experimental arm, will receive newsletters that will focus on study goals and progress and will provide tips on achieving and maintaining diet change. The newsletters will also include information on diet and cancer, the challenges of diet change and the advances in prostate cancer control. New recipes will also be included in these newsletters. Patients enrolled to the comparison arm will receive newsletters that provide general information about diet. The content of both intervention and control newsletters will vary depending on how long the patient has been on study and new information that becomes available.

## 8.4 Clinic Visits

### History & Physical (Every 3 Months)

Participants will be evaluated in a urology clinic at initial assessment and every 3 months thereafter by a urologist in clinic as per typical AS protocols and current standard of care (2-4, 11, 13). Patients must be weighed and their height measured according to the instructions in Section 8.1. Urological evaluations will be conducted by the GU Investigator or appropriate designee at each site. The baseline visit will include a DRE to confirm clinical stage. Since PSA and biopsy changes are much more sensitive for detecting clinical progression than changes in prostate examination among patients on AS (11), subsequent DRE will be performed at the discretion of the individual urologist. These results will not be used to define progression.

### PSA Measures (Every 3 Months)

Serum PSA levels will be measured at baseline and at every 3 months thereafter. PSADT will be calculated as  $\log_2$  divided by the slope (the least squares estimator) of  $\log(\text{PSA})$  observations over time using the last three PSA measurements (44, 83, 84). An example of a PSADT calculator can be found at [www.ASURE.ca](http://www.ASURE.ca).

### Prostate Biopsy (12, 24 Months)

Prostate biopsy will be performed by the treating urologist at 12 and 24 months with a minimum of 12 tissue cores obtained utilizing a standard, extended biopsy pattern. This practice is consistent with current standard of care in the urological community. The urologist or the participant will have the right to secure a biopsy earlier than 24 months. Although DRE is commonly used in oncologic practice, it is not highly quantifiable for men with the very small, often non-palpable tumors of our study participants.

### Blood Sample Submission (12, 24 Months)

Blood samples will be collected at baseline, 12 and 24 months and will be submitted to the CALGB PCO (see Section 6.2.1) and analyzed for carotenoid concentrations.

### Quality of Life Instruments (Every 6 Months)

Seven quality of life measures will be used: Personal Habits Questionnaire will be completed at run-in only, the Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Scale-Prostate (FACT-P); Memorial Anxiety Scale for Prostate Cancer (Max-PC); International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS); Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite 26 (EPIC-26); and the Nutrition Self-Efficacy will be completed at baseline and every 6 months. Finally, the Satisfaction with the MEAL Program form will be completed at 24 months (see Section 9.0).

## 8.5 Dietary Recall

Diets will be evaluated at baseline and at 12 and 24 months by a series of three separate 24-hour dietary recalls collected interactively via telephone interview conducted by the Moores Cancer staff. These telephone interviews will last approximately 20 minutes. Patient recalls will be performed on three randomly selected days over a three-week period and include two weekdays (Monday through Thursday) and one weekend (Friday through Sunday). Data will be catalogued and analyzed utilizing Minnesota Nutrition Data System (NDS) software (Nutrition Coordinating Center, University of Minnesota).



## 8.6 Telephone Counseling Intervention (Arm A Only)

The counseling intervention will be divided into four phases, with the first three phases completed in 7 months. The fourth phase will continue for 17 months. Each counseling call will take an average of 30 minutes.

**Phase 1:** The first phase, composed of six counseling calls, will focus on education and the rapid development of self-efficacy skills. During this phase, frequent counseling sessions (every 3-4 days) will focus on short-term goals, emphasizing to participants and partners that the study dietary pattern can be compatible with their lifestyle. The counselor will monitor self-reported dietary intake interactively using dietary analysis software (The Food Processor for Windows, Version 7.8, ESHA Research, Salem, OR) to help the participant evaluate his performance and encourage him to concentrate on the positive aspects of his achievements before setting new sub-goals. Throughout this phase (and all other phases), counselors will encourage participants to report any difficulties in adopting the dietary pattern, and dietary targets will be adjusted accordingly to maximize chances of success.

**Phase 2:** The second phase, composed of four calls over a 2-month period, will focus on practical and consistent implementation of the dietary pattern. Counselors will help participants make structural changes to their food environments, such as altering the type of food available in the house, modifying recipes and patterns of food preparation, and focusing on portion sizes. Participants will learn to monitor their performance regularly, as counselors encourage goal setting and review.

**Phase 3:** The third phase, composed of four calls over a 4-month period, will help participants habituate to the dietary pattern by providing regular performance reviews. Studies of behavior change demonstrate that a declining sense of self-efficacy is associated with vulnerability to relapse. During this phase, social guidance and assistance in evaluating performance will be used to maintain interest in behavior maintenance, even as the level of necessary social guidance declines.

**Phase 4:** The counselors will regularly check on progress (8 calls over a 17-month period), providing positive feedback on achievements in maintaining the study targets while monitoring for warning signs of declining interest or self-efficacy. Ensuring participants that they can maintain the change they have implemented will still be critical. Intervention contacts will take place once every other month by those in Arm A only.

**Dietary Targets:** Participants in the intervention arm will be encouraged to achieve a challenging but attainable dietary pattern: 7 servings per day of vegetables (2 cruciferous, 2 tomato products, 3 other vegetables), 2 servings per day of whole grains, 1 serving per day of beans or other legumes, and 2 servings per day of fruit. Vegetable juice will be promoted as a means of increasing vegetable nutrients without the potential gastrointestinal problems of very high fiber intake. As vegetable intake appears most strongly associated with protection, the intervention will emphasize vegetable intake.

To maximize intake of the most bioactive nutrients and phytochemicals, intervention participants will be instructed to omit fruit juice, iceberg lettuce, and white potatoes from their calculations of plant servings. Counselor/coaches will emphasize colorful vegetables along with strong-flavored produce (cruciferous vegetables, onions, garlic), since strong flavor is an indicator (albeit crude) of phytochemical concentration. Within the context of these overall dietary targets, participants will be guided to obtain an adequate intake of all essential nutrients.

### 8.6.1 Quality control

Quality control will be enhanced by providing the telephone counseling from a centralized location at the Moores UCSD Cancer Center, thus enabling weekly case management meetings and flexibility in scheduling. Dietary counselors will be hired based on their demonstrated communication skills, telephone manner, knowledge of food and nutrition, and their enthusiasm for achieving the study dietary targets. Counselors will complete an intensive 80-hour training program addressing the rationale for the study, protocols for conducting 24-hour dietary recalls, the principles and practice of motivational interviewing and review of a random selection of recorded calls.

All counselors will practice extensive role-playing before conducting their first coaching session. This training will be overseen by the UCSD behavior change study team; the team has been involved in a multitude of behavior change studies.

We have developed a detailed, relational database that provides counselors with a computer-assisted coaching protocol for their participant contacts. All contacts will be recorded in the database, and the database will generate the call schedule for each counselor each day. Calls will then follow a script that includes suggested question phrasing and responses to key questions inserted into the database in real time; these standardize intervention delivery. Automatic range checks will ensure quality in the dataset. At the completion of each call, the counselor will be prompted for detailed comments that can be used in the next contact. These comments will be reviewed by the supervisor as a component of performance review. Each counselor's performance will be compared to that of his or her peers, in terms of achieving dietary change toward study goals and in keeping the database complete.

The database will provide weekly management reports to focus on key aspects of study progress, including delinquent data collection. The database will help us monitor regularly scheduled study operations, to comply with aspects of the protocol. For example, study reports will be generated, as needed, to identify intervention participants who have not been contacted as scheduled in the protocol. The reports will be provided to the counselors to help keep them on schedule, and to ensure that participants with lagging performance or possibly lagging interest do not drop out of the study.

To maximize effectiveness of the intervention, we will seek participant permission, in advance, to monitor calls. We will then monitor 10% of calls. The calls will be audio-taped and reviewed by peers and by supervisors to ensure that the intervention is standardized across participants. Throughout the study period, weekly case-management sessions will be conducted; supervisors, study investigators and counselors will use these to resolve challenging issues that have emerged.

A registered dietitian will supervise the telephone counseling intervention team. Counselors will also attend monthly 2-hour meetings which will include updates on study progress and in-service training on nutrition and behavior change counseling. On a quarterly basis, counselors will be provided with an assessment of their caseload's adherence to the dietary targets as a means of maintaining or improving performance. Together, these procedures, have contributed to the success of the WHEL (68) and MEAL (40-42) interventions.

## 8.7 Completion of Intervention

All patients are expected to participate in the diet intervention for 24 months.

### 8.7.1 Off Treatment Criteria

Off-Treatment criteria will include the following: 1) physician determination that continuation of the diet is medically contraindicated, 2) participant decision to withdraw from the dietary intervention, or 3) participant death.

Participants who wish to continue on the intervention even after meeting the criteria for progression will be permitted to do so.

Follow-up evaluations will continue for the duration of the study for all living participants.

### 8.7.2 Clinical Criteria for Progression and Active Treatment

The primary outcome of interest in this prevention trial is disease progression defined by (a) PSA doubling time (PSADT) less than 3 years, (b) PSA above 10 at any time, or (c) Gleason score on repeat biopsy  $\geq 7$  for men younger than 70 years and  $\geq 4+3 = 7$  for men 70 years or older. These criteria are drawn from one of the largest active surveillance studies to date, the Toronto cohort (12).

Participants who do not meet PSA or biopsy criteria for progression are strongly encouraged to remain on AS while in the study and not undergo treatment with surgery, radiation, local ablation, or androgen deprivation. These criteria reflect the current standard of care (11,12) and are as follows:

- PSA doubling time (PSADT) < 3 years
- PSA  $\geq 10$  ng/mL
- Repeat biopsy
  - $\geq 2$  biopsy tissue cores positive for cancer
  - > 50% of any one biopsy tissue core positive for cancer
  - Men < 70 years at baseline:
    - Gleason sum  $\geq 7$
  - Men  $\geq 70$  years at baseline:
    - Gleason sum  $\geq 4+3 = 7$

It is recognized that some participants will elect to pursue treatment during the study despite not meeting these criteria for progression. These participants will be censored at the time they begin treatment.

### 8.7.3 Continuation of the Dietary Intervention

Participants randomized to the dietary intervention arm who progress or elect treatment despite not meeting criteria for progression will continue the intervention for the 2-year duration of the study,

## 9.0 OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT/QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURES

Seven quality of life measures will be used: Personal Habits Questionnaire, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Scale-Prostate (FACT-P); Memorial Anxiety Scale for Prostate Cancer (Max-PC); International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS); Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite 26 (EPIC-26); Nutrition Self-Efficacy and Satisfaction with the MEAL Program.

### 9.1 Personal Habits Questionnaire

The personal habits questionnaire, used in the Women's Health Initiative (WHEL) study (66), consists of 8 sets of questions that address a number of generic health behavior questions: cigarette smoking; alcohol consumption; weight change during adult life; adherence to any kind of special diet (e.g. low-calorie, low-fat, low-cholesterol, low salt, high-fiber); recreational physical activity, including mild, moderate and strenuous activity; and physical activity at various ages. These questions, which will be used mainly to make sure randomization produced comparable groups, are as appropriate for men as for women.

### 9.2 Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Scale-Prostate [FACT-P]

The FACT-P [version 4.0], developed by Cella and colleagues (44, 51) is a prostate cancer specific quality of life questionnaire which includes a 27 item 'core' quality of life measure [FACT-G] grouped into four subscales: physical well-being, social/family well-being, emotional well-being, and functional well-being. There are an additional 12 items specific to prostate cancer, 10 of which are prostate cancer-specific physical problems. Almost all FACT-P subscale items are rated on a 5 item Likert scale, from 0, 'not at all' to 4, 'very much'. The FACT-G has been tested on 630 patients with mixed cancer diagnoses. The internal consistency of the subscales ranges from .65-.82, with excellent internal consistency of the total score: an alpha coefficient of .89. Test-retest reliability is excellent within a 7 day period, with correlations ranging from .82-.92. Convergent validity has been demonstrated, with the FACT correlating significantly with other quality of life measures (FLIC,  $r=.79$ ), and related constructs of psychological distress (e.g. Brief POMS,  $r=-.68$ ) and the ECOG performance rating ( $r=-.52$ ). The FACT-G has been able to distinguish between patients with metastatic and non-metastatic disease. Internal consistency of the Prostate-Specific Concerns subscale was of moderate strength (alpha coefficients ranging from .65-.69) when tested with 130 prostate cancer patients (44). Evidence of convergent validity of the Prostate-Specific Concerns subscale was provided by its significant negative correlations with depression (Inventory to Diagnose Depression,  $r=-.34$ ,  $p<.001$ ), and anxiety (Spielberger Trait Anxiety Scale,  $r=-.33$ ,  $p<.001$ ). Further, significantly greater Prostate-Specific Concerns scores were found for those with more advanced disease than those with earlier stage disease. Sensitivity to change over time was also demonstrated by significantly greater worsening of Physical and Functional Well-being, and Prostate-Specific Concerns subscale scores over a two month period for those with worsening Performance Status (44).

### 9.3 Memorial Anxiety Scale for Prostate Cancer [MAX-PC]

The Memorial Anxiety Scale for Prostate Cancer [MAX-PC] is a prostate cancer-specific measure to assess patient anxiety due to prostate cancer, PSA tests and fears of recurrence (45, 46). It consists of 18 items: 11 items that parallel items from the Impact of Event Scale, including avoidant and intrusive thoughts about prostate cancer (48); 3 items specific to PSA tests, and 4 items concerning fear of recurrence. The items are grouped into three subscales: Prostate Cancer Anxiety (PCA), PSA Anxiety, and Fear of Recurrence. Fourteen items are rated on a four point Likert scale ranging from 'not at all' to 'often' and 4 items are rated on a Likert scale ranging from 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree'. Internal consistency for the total score is excellent (alpha coefficient = .89). The PCA and Fear of Recurrence also demonstrated strong internal consistency (PCA alpha coefficient = .90; Fear = .85) (45). Test-retest reliability is excellent for the total score and three subscales (.74 - .89). The three factor model was confirmed in a second study of the MAX-PC (46). Total scores correlated significantly with other measures of distress, including the HADS ( $r=.52$ ,  $p<.0001$ ) and the Distress Thermometer ( $r=.45$ ,  $p<.0001$ ). Significant correlations were also found between changes in the MAX-PC score with changes in the HADS total score ( $r=.30$ ,  $p<.0001$ ). Further, there was a significant difference among four PSA change groups (i.e. steady, rising, falling and unstable) for the MAX-PC ( $p=.003$ ), PCA ( $p=.045$ ), and the Fear of Recurrence subscale ( $p=.0001$ ).

Anxiety reduction is a legitimate and robust outcome variable and a potential benefit of the counseling intervention. Moreover, it is likely that the distribution of printed dietary guidelines and intermittent phone calls to monitor diet intake, would potentially diminish anxiety in the control group because it involves more attention than active surveillance patients normally receive as part of clinical care (72).

### 9.4 International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS)

This is an 8-item scale, widely used in clinical practice, which measures lower urinary tract symptoms. It includes questions encompassing incomplete bladder emptying, frequent urination, urgency, nocturia, intermittency, weak stream, straining, and quality of life related to urinary symptoms (73).

There are robust data to suggest that prostate cancer patients on active surveillance experience significantly decreased urinary health relative to men without prostate cancer. In a cohort analysis of 6,000 community dwelling older men, we observed that compared to men without prostate cancer, men with prostate cancer on active surveillance (i.e. those who had not undergone treatment) reported a significantly diminished quality of life due to urinary symptoms (74). In addition, several published studies have noted that high vegetable diets and higher serum carotenoid concentration are associated with decreased urinary symptoms (75-77).

### 9.5 Expanded Prostate Cancer Composite Index 26 (EPIC-26)

This instrument is an abbreviated version of the Expanded Prostate Cancer Composite Index (EPIC). It contains 26 questions focusing on 5 distinct health-related quality of life domains relevant to prostate cancer: urinary incontinence, urinary irritation/obstruction, bowel, sexual and vitality/hormonal. Each domain has function and other subdomains. All of the domains for EPIC-26 are reported using a 0-100 score, with higher scores representing favorable health related quality of life. The EPIC-26 demonstrates robust consistency and validity for measuring these important outcomes related to prostate cancer survivorship (78).

## 9.6 Nutrition Self-Efficacy Scale

The Nutrition Self-Efficacy scale assesses the degree to which individuals are confident that they can control their nutrition (79). The scale assesses perceived self-efficacy, the confidence in one's ability to meet one's goals, and coping self-efficacy, defined as optimistic beliefs about one's capability to deal with barriers that arise in plans. The scale consists of 5 items rated on a 5 point Likert scale, ranging from 'very confident' to 'not confident at all'. Internal consistency was excellent (alpha coefficient = .87,  $n = 1,722$ ). Evidence of validity was provided by the Nutritional Efficacy Scale correlating significantly with nutritional behavior ( $r = .34$ ,  $p < .01$ ) (80). Because quality of life or anxiety has not been formally evaluated in an AS population or in the setting of a randomized clinical trial among AS patients, a battery of scores will be assessed as exploratory variables, with scores at each time point and changes in scores over time assessed between the intervention and control groups using student's t-test and linear regression modeling.

## 9.7 Satisfaction with the MEAL Program

At 24 months, those in the MEAL arm of the study will be asked to complete a series of questions about their satisfaction with the MEAL program. All but one question has been used in WHEL, (Women's Healthy Eating and Living, the prior diet study on which this study is based). The MEAL Satisfaction Questionnaire, developed by Pierce and colleagues, includes 26 items with all items rated on Likert scales, with response categories varying by the type of question. The following areas of satisfaction are assessed: satisfaction with the nutritional plan, counseling calls, the counselor, the time and frequency of the calls, expectations that the diet will help to prevent recurrence and improve their overall health, barriers in attaining the dietary goals, and the difficulty encountered in changing and maintaining their diet. Internal consistency meets acceptable standards for the satisfaction with their food intake for the different types of food (5 questions, alpha coefficient = .71), satisfaction with the counselor (9 items, alpha coefficient = .87), and near an acceptable standard for the 2 items assessing how enjoyable and important the counseling calls have been (alpha coefficient = .69). A briefer version of the Satisfaction Questionnaire, to include 23 items, will be used to assess satisfaction with the program for those in the control group. Items concerning counseling and evaluation of the counselor will be eliminated in this questionnaire for the control group participants.

# 10.0 CORRELATIVE SCIENCE

## 10.1 Background

Carotenoids are organic, plant-based pigments. One of the most common carotenoids is lycopene. Lycopene is an antioxidant and free radical scavenger commonly found in tomatoes. Increased lycopene and tomato intake have been associated with decreased prostate cancer risk. An analysis of the Health Professionals Cohort observed a 21% lower prostate cancer incidence among those with the highest compared to the lowest lycopene intakes. Moreover, those with the highest frequencies of tomato and tomato-based product intake had up to a 35% risk reduction compared to those with the lowest intake (20). In a meta-analysis of 21 published studies, Etminan and colleagues observed that participants with the highest intake (fifth quintile of intake) of raw tomatoes [Relative Risk (RR) 0.89, 95% CI 0.8 to 1.0] or cooked tomatoes (RR 0.81, 95% CI 0.71 to 0.92) had a modest reduction in prostate cancer risk (10). These investigators also noted that while lycopene consumption was not associated with prostate cancer risk (RR 0.99, 95% CI 0.93-1.06), higher serum lycopene concentrations were associated with decreased risk (RR 0.85, 95% CI 0.75-0.97) (81).

Interest in the potential therapeutic benefits of lycopene and/or tomatoes has led to a small number of clinical trials that have produced promising, yet preliminary, results. Stacewicz-Sapuntzakis and Bowen placed 32 patients with prostate cancer on tomato paste-rich diet, 3 weeks before their scheduled prostatectomy. The

patients consumed 26.8 mg of lycopene per day, compared with their usual mean intake of 5 mg/day. These investigators noted significant reductions in serum PSA concentrations and increases in apoptotic index in the intervention group compared with the controls (82). Similarly, Kucuk and colleagues randomized 26 patients with newly diagnosed prostate cancer to receive tomato oleoresin extract containing 30 mg of lycopene or no supplementation for 3 weeks before radical prostatectomy. When compared with the intervention group was found to have smaller tumors, less involvement of surgical margins, and less diffuse involvement of the prostate by high-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (83). Chen and colleagues observed in a radical prostatectomy model that men who consumed large amounts of tomato products prior to surgery had less oxidative damage in the prostate (30), while Barber and colleagues noted decreased PSA velocities in men with prostate cancer treated with lycopene supplementation (25).

While these data are compelling, associations of carotenoids with prostate cancer remain unclear. In the MEAL pilot study, there was no significant association of plasma lycopene or other carotenoids with plasma PSA over a 6-month period for AS patients or patients with PSA-only recurrence following surgery or radiation (40-42).

## **10.2 Correlative Objectives**

- 10.2.1** To compare plasma carotenoid concentrations in AS patients receiving dietary intervention compared to no intervention.
- 10.2.2** To compare plasma carotenoid concentrations to PSADT in AS patients.
- 10.2.3** To compare plasma carotenoid concentrations to probability of pathological progression in AS patients.

## **10.3 Methods**

PSA analysis will be conducted at the site from which the patient was recruited. The blood nutrient analysis will take place at UCSD under the direction of Dr. Rock. The specimens for carotenoid analysis will be forwarded in batch to UCSD by the CALGB PCO and periodic laboratory analysis will be conducted. At UCSD, samples will be stored at all times at -70° C or lower temperatures in freezers equipped with temperature alarms in the Moores UCSD Cancer Center that are under the direct supervision of Dr. Rock.

Plasma carotenoids will be separated and quantified using the HPLC methodology that we have used previously (40, 67, 68), with modifications to reduce oxidative loss and improve recovery of compounds during analysis. Standard reference materials from the manufacturer will be used to validate analytical precision of these procedures.

Carotenoid analysis can be evaluated on plasma or serum. Therefore, in addition to the plasma sample, we will be collecting and banking serum for evaluation of carotenoids, if needed, as well as for the evaluation of other circulating markers of interest. An additional blood sample will also be collected for DNA isolation and evaluation of genetic polymorphisms that affect antioxidant metabolism such as MnSOD. In addition, there is evidence of other interactions between antioxidant systems and dietary practice. Some of these could have an impact on the prostate such as catechol-o-methyl transferase and glutathione peroxidase.

## 11.0 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 11.1 Randomization

Patients will be randomized with equal probability to receive the dietary intervention (experimental arm) or dietary information (control arm). A total of 464 patients will be enrolled to this trial, 232 patients per arm. The study will take a total of 5 years: about 3 years of accrual with an expected accrual rate of 15 patients per month, and 2 years of additional follow-up.

Stratification factors: Randomization will be stratified by age ( < 70 years vs.  $\geq$  70 years), race (African American vs. Other) and baseline prostate biopsy (0-12 months prior to registration vs. >12-24 months prior to registration).

### 11.2 Design

Each patient will be followed for 24 months, and PSA will be evaluated every 3 months starting from baseline. Prostate biopsies are taken at baseline, 12 and 24 months.

The primary outcome of interest in this prevention trial is disease progression defined by (a) PSA doubling time (PSADT) < 3 years, (b) PSA > 10 at any time, or (c) Gleason sum on repeat biopsy  $\geq$  7 for men younger than 70 years and  $\geq$  4+3 = 7 for men 70 years or older. These criteria are drawn from one of the largest active surveillance studies to date, the Toronto cohort (12). Data from this cohort indicate that approximately 20% of patients on active surveillance will progress by these criteria: 14% by PSA doubling time and 8%-10% by Gleason score.

Thus, using the log-rank test with a two-sided  $\alpha = 5\%$ , a sample size of 418 will provide 80% power to detect a difference in progression rate (PGR) of 20% in the control and 10% in the experimental arm during 24 months of follow-up. Under the exponential distributions for the time to progression, the 2-year PGR of 20% vs. 10% corresponds to a hazard ratio (HR) of 0.472. Assuming 10% of dropout rate (including patients who are treated before progression), a total of 464 patients will be enrolled to this trial.

Centralized pathology review will be conducted on the tissue specimens of the first 50 patients. From an analysis of grading by community vs. Johns Hopkins pathologists, Gleason grading of adenocarcinoma in prostate needle biopsy tissue (90), Gleason score was changed from 3+4 by community review to 4+3 by Johns Hopkins review for about 14% of men and from 6 or below to 7 or above for about 8% of men. Assuming about 30% of men in this study will be >70 years old and these two types of changes occur uniformly over the whole range of age, we believe that no more than 10% of men will become ineligible for the study by the centralized pathology review. We will consider increasing the sample size by a maximum of 10% depending on the proportion of men who become ineligible by central pathology review.

Interim Analysis: The power of the log-rank test depends on the PGR in the two arms. An interim analysis will be conducted when 400 patients are entered to the study to check if the specified 20% of 2-year PGR is accurate or not. At the interim analysis, the 2-year PGR of the control arm will be estimated. If the estimate is smaller than 20%, we will recalculate the sample size using the estimated 2-year PGR for the control arm, HR=0.472, two sided  $\alpha=0.05$  and a power of 80% and consider increasing the sample size by a maximum of 20% of the current sample size. For example, if the estimated 2-year PGR for the control arm is 18%, then we need 466 eligible patients (about 11% of increase from 418 eligible patients).

### 11.3 Analysis

The proportion of men who become ineligible by central pathology review will be estimated for each arm. The primary analysis will be done using data from eligible subjects, especially using Gleason scores from central review. However, all statistical



analyses will be conducted for the data sets from eligible patients only, as well as all patients randomized in the sensitivity analysis.

**Progression:** PSADT will be calculated as  $\log_2$  divided by the slope (the least squares estimator) of  $\log$  (PSA) observations over time using the last three PSA measurements at months 0, 3 and 6 (84,85). In order to avoid any miscalculation, the PSADT will be calculated at the CALGB Statistical Center, not by each individual site.

Time to progression data will be analyzed using the log-rank test for univariable analysis and the Cox's proportional hazards regression for multivariable analysis adjusting for the stratification factors and other prognostic factors. For the patients who proceed to treatment with surgery, radiation, local ablative therapy or hormonal therapy before progression within the 2-year follow-up period, the progression time will be censored at the time of withdrawal for treatment.

A recent study in a similar cohort of men undergoing active surveillance (86) reported that PSA kinetics was not closely associated with progression on subsequent surveillance biopsies. In order to address this issue, as a secondary analysis, we will also compare time to progression defined only by Gleason sum on repeat biopsy  $\geq 7$  for men younger than 70 years and  $\geq 4+3 = 7$  for men 70 years or older. Because of decreased number of events, the log-rank test using this definition of time to progression may not have enough power. For example, if the 2-year PGR for the control arm is only 10% by this new definition, then the log-rank test will have only 50% of power with 418 eligible patients with events or full 2 years of follow-up.

**Time to Treatment:** Probability to proceed to treatment within 2 years (binary observation) and time to treatment (censored time to an event observation) will be analyzed using the chi-squared test and the log-rank test, respectively. We expect that the control arm will have more patients receiving treatment and shorter time to treatment than the experimental arm because of anxiety.

**QOL:** Quality of life (anxiety and depression, prostate cancer symptom checklist) will be compared between the two arms. The time trajectory of QOL will be estimated using the generalized estimating equation method based on working independent correlation structure (87) and the slope of the time trajectory will be compared between the two arms (88). We will consider taking a log-transformation of QOL observations if it improves the linearity of the time trajectory of QOL. The significance of the two arm comparisons will be adjusted for multiple testing among different QOL subscales using the methodology of Bang, Jung and George (89).

**Dietary Recall:** Diets will be evaluated at baseline and at 12 and 24 months by a series of three separate 24-hour dietary recalls collected interactively via telephone interview. The increase (from baseline) in mean daily intakes of total vegetables, crucifers, tomato products, beans/legumes and fat will be compared between arms using a two-sample t-test at 12 and 24 months. We may consider transforming (e.g. using logarithm) the data to improve normality of the distributions and variance stabilization. Data will be catalogued and analyzed utilizing Minnesota Nutrition Data System (NDS) software (Nutrition Coordinating Center, University of Minnesota).

#### **Correlative Objectives:**

Plasma carotenoid concentrations (PCC) will be compared between the two arms using a two-sample t-test. A log-transformation of the PCC observations may be considered in order to improve the normality of the distributions and variance stabilization.

PCC will be correlated with PSADT for the patients in the AS arm. Descriptive analysis using scatter plots and regression analysis will be conducted.

Time to pathological progression will be regressed on PCC in AS patients. Known predictors including the stratification factors will be adjusted in multivariable analysis.

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### **13.0 MODEL CONSENT FORM**

## **The Men’s Eating and Living (MEAL) Study: A Randomized Trial of Diet to Alter Disease Progression in Prostate Cancer Patients on Active Surveillance**

This is a clinical trial, a type of research study. Your study doctor will explain the clinical trial to you. Clinical trials include only patients who choose to take part. Please take your time to make your decision. Discuss it with your friends and family. You can also discuss it with your health care team. If you have any questions, you can ask your study doctor for more explanation. [Attach NCI booklet “Taking Part in Clinical Trials: What Cancer Patients Need to Know”]

You are being asked to take part in this study because you have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and are receiving regular follow-up care with your primary physician.

### **Why is this study being done?**

You are being asked to take part in a research study of men who are undergoing active surveillance for their prostate cancer. The purpose of the study is to find out more about how diet may prevent prostate cancer from getting worse.

### **How many people will take part in this study?**

About 464 men will participate in this study.

### **What will happen if I take part in this research study?**

#### **Before you begin the study . . .**

You will need to have the following exams, tests or procedures to find out if you can be in the study. These exams, tests or procedures are part of regular cancer care and may be done even if you do not join the study. If you have had some of them recently, they may not need to be repeated. This will be up to your study doctor.

- A complete history and physical exam including a digital rectal exam
- A PSA test

After you are enrolled in the study, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your personal habits and provide about 6 teaspoons of blood for research. Study researchers will analyze the blood to determine carotenoid and cholesterol levels. Carotenoid refers to the red to yellow pigments responsible for the color of many plant organs or fruits, such as tomatoes or carrots. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance that is made by the body and is found naturally in animal foods such as meat, fish, poultry, eggs, and dairy products. The blood samples will be used for research purposes only, and will not replace your usual medical care. Your carotenoid, and cholesterol levels as measured in this study will not be reported to you or your doctor.



During a two-week period after enrollment, study researchers will call you on three different days over the telephone and ask you questions about your medical history and diet. During these interviews, called “24-hour dietary recalls,” you will be asked to recall everything you ate and drank during the previous 24 hours. You may skip any question that makes you uncomfortable. These telephone interviews will take approximately 20 minutes.

### **During the study . . .**

If you are able to complete the three 24-hour dietary recall interviews and you choose to participate in the study, you will be "randomized" into one of the study groups described below. Randomization means that you are put into a group by chance. A computer program will place you in one of the study groups. Neither you nor your doctor can choose the group you will be in. You will have an equal chance of being placed in either group.

#### **Group 1**

If you are in Group 1 (often called "Arm A") you will be assigned to a program providing you with telephone counseling to help change your diet. You will be asked to change your diet to increase the amounts of fiber-rich plant foods (vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and beans) that you eat. You will receive counseling assistance to help you achieve the dietary goals. These counseling calls will take an average of 30 minutes and will occur twice weekly for the first two weeks, and gradually decrease in frequency (weekly, bi-monthly, monthly). The counseling calls may be monitored and audio-taped for quality assurance purposes. After the first six months, your telephone counselor will call you periodically throughout the remainder of the study to check on how you are maintaining the study diet. You will receive a total of 22 calls over the 24-month period. Regularly scheduled newsletters will also be provided to you by mail.

#### **Group 2**

If you are in Group 2 (often called "Arm B") you will be assigned to a program providing you with information about diet and cancer. You will receive an initial orientation telephone call that will take about 5 to 10 minutes as well as a booklet containing USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Regularly scheduled newsletters will also be provided to you by mail.

### **Tests and Procedures**

Participants in groups 1 and 2 will complete the tests and procedures listed below. They are part of regular cancer care.

- A complete history and physical exam every 3 months
- A PSA test every 3 months
- A digital rectal examination every 12 months at the urologists discretion
- A prostate biopsy every 12 months

You will also be asked to do the following while you are on the study:

- Every 6 months you will be asked to complete questionnaires about your current health, your food preparation and eating habits, your usual food intake over the past year, your quality of life, function and anxiety.
- Participate in 24-hour dietary recall interviews 12 and 24 months after you start the study. There will be three interviews at each of these times. Each set of these recalls will happen on 3 separate days during a scheduled 3-week period. You may skip any question that makes you uncomfortable.
- Provide about 6 teaspoons of blood 12 and 24 months after you start the study. These blood draws will normally be scheduled early in the morning and you must agree to eat and drink nothing but water and your normal medications for 6 hours prior to the blood collection.

	Month							
	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Clinic Visit*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Diet Recall				X				X
Questionnaires by Phone		X		X		X		X
Research Blood				X				X
Prostate Biopsy				X				X
Telephone Counseling	For patients in Group 1 only: 22 telephone calls over 2 years							

\* Includes history and physical, height, weight, PSA test and a digital rectal examination every 12 months at the urologists discretion.

## When I am finished

After you have completed the study, you will continue with your usual cancer care.

## How long will I be in the study?

You will be in the study for 2 years.

## **Can I stop being in the study?**

Yes. You can decide to stop at any time. Tell the study doctor or nurse if you are thinking about stopping or decide to stop.

It is important to tell your study doctor if you are thinking about stopping so you can discuss what follow up care and testing could be most helpful for you.

The study doctor may stop you from taking part in this study at any time if he/she believes it is in your best interest; if you do not follow the study rules; or if the study is stopped.

## **What side effects or risks can I expect from being in the study?**

You may have side effects while on the study. Everyone taking part in the study will be watched carefully for any side effects. However, doctors don't know all the side effects that may happen. You should talk to your study doctor about any side effects that you have while taking part in the study.

### **Possible risks from changing your diet**

- Your skin, especially on the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet, may become yellow because of a diet high in carotenoids.
- You may become bloated or have a lot of gas for a short period because you may be eating more vegetables and dietary fiber than usual. You may get diarrhea or become constipated at first, but only until your body can adjust to your new diet.

### **Other risks**

- There may be a small risk in the process of drawing blood. You may faint or become dizzy. You may feel a little pain or discomfort as the needle goes through the skin. Some bleeding or bruising may occur at the site where blood is drawn. Pressing hard on the spot for 1 or 2 minutes after the needle is removed will help to prevent this. Very rarely, your arm may swell or become infected.

## **Are there benefits to taking part in the study?**

There will be no direct benefits to you other than those associated with changing your diet. The investigators may learn more about how diet plays a role in changing the way prostate cancer can spread in the body. This information could help future prostate cancer patients.

It is important to remember that while there may be benefits, you should continue to be followed by your doctor for your prostate cancer.

## **What other choices do I have if I do not take part in this study?**

You may choose not to take part in this study. If you do not take part in the study, you should discuss with your doctor the appropriate treatment or surveillance plan for your prostate cancer. Those who choose not to participate in this study will continue under the care of their doctors for prostate cancer. You may also choose to take part in another research study.

Talk to your doctor about your choices before you decide if you will take part in this study.

## **Will my medical information be kept private?**

We will do our best to make sure that the personal information in your medical record will be kept private. However, we cannot guarantee total privacy. Your personal information may be given out if required by law. If information from this study is published or presented at scientific meetings, your name and other personal information will not be used.

Organizations that may look at and/or copy your medical record for research, quality assurance, and data analysis include:

- Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB)
- National Cancer Institute

The CALGB has received a Certificate of Confidentiality from the federal government, which will help us to protect your privacy. The Certificate protects against the involuntary release of information about you collected during the course of the study. The researchers involved in this project may not be forced to identify you in any legal proceedings (criminal, civil, administrative, or legislative) at the federal, state or local level. However, some information may be required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or for purposes of program review or audit. Also, you may choose to voluntarily disclose the protected information under certain circumstances. For example, if you or your guardian requests the release of information about you in writing (through, for example, a written request to release medical records to an insurance company), the Certificate does not protect against that voluntary disclosure.

## **What are the costs of taking part in this study?**

You and/or your health plan/insurance company will be responsible for the charges related to your cancer care. All study measurements and materials directly related to the research will be provided to you free of charge.

You will be responsible for the cost of the food specified by the study.

You will not be paid for taking part in this study.

For more information on clinical trials and insurance coverage, you can visit the National Cancer Institute's Web site at [http://cancer.gov/clinical\\_trials/understanding/insurance-coverage](http://cancer.gov/clinical_trials/understanding/insurance-coverage). You can print a copy of the "Clinical Trials and Insurance Coverage" information from this Web site.

Another way to get the information is to call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) and ask them to send you a free copy.

### **What happens if I am injured because I took part in this study?**

It is important that you tell your study doctor \_\_\_\_\_ if you feel that you have been injured because you took part in this study. You can tell the doctor in person or call him at \_\_\_\_\_.

You will get medical treatment if you are injured as a result of taking part in this study. You and/or your health plan will be charged for this treatment. The study will not pay for medical treatment.

### **What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

Taking part in this study is your choice. You may choose either to take part or not to take part in the study. If you decide to take part in this study, you may leave the study at any time. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any of your regular benefits. Leaving the study will not affect your medical care. You can still get your medical care from your institution.

We will tell you about new information or changes in the study that may affect your health or your willingness to continue in the study.

A Data and Safety Monitoring Board will be regularly meeting to monitor safety and other data related to this study. The Board members may receive confidential patient information, but they will not receive your name or other information that would allow them to identify you by name.

It may be necessary to contact you at a future date regarding new information about the intervention you have received. For this reason, we ask that you notify the institution where you participated in the study of any changes in address. If you move, please provide your new address to:

In the case of injury resulting from this study, you do not lose any of your legal rights to seek payment by signing this form.

## Who can answer my questions about the study?

You can talk to your study doctor about any questions or concerns you have about this study. Contact your study doctor \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

For questions about your rights while taking part in this study, call the \_\_\_\_\_ Institutional Review Board (a group of people who review the research to protect your rights) at \_\_\_\_\_.

## Where can I get more information?

You may call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or TTY: 1-800-332-8615

You may also visit the NCI web site at <http://cancer.gov/>

- For NCI's clinical trials information, go to: [http://cancer.gov/clinical trials/](http://cancer.gov/clinical_trials/)
- For NCI's general information about cancer, go to <http://cancer.gov/cancerinfo/>

You will get a copy of this form. If you want more information about this study, ask your study doctor.

## Signature

I have been given a copy of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert total of number of pages] pages of this form. I have read it or it has been read to me. I understand the information and have had my questions answered. I agree to take part in the study.

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_